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SIR

GYLES GOOSE CAPPE KNIGHT.

A Comedy lately Acted with great applause at the private House in Salisbury Court.



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Eugenia, A widow, and a Noble Lady.

Hippolyta, S

Lady-virgines, and Companions to Eugenia.

Winnifred, gentlewoman to Eugenia.

Momford, A Noble Man, uncle to Eugenia.

Clarence, Gentleman, friend to Momford.

Fowlweather, A french affected Travayler, & a Captaine.

Sir Gyles Goofe-cap, a foolish Knight.

Sir Cuthbert Rudsby, a blunt Knight.

Sir Ctement Kingcob, a Knight.

Lord Tales.

Lord Furnifall.

Bullaker, a french Page.

Iacke. Spages:

Will. Spages.

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To the Worshipfull Richard Young of Woolley-farme in the County of Berks. Esquire,

STA REMORES AFE He many favours, and courte lies, that I have Received from you, and your much Honord Father have put Juch an obligation upon me, as I have bin long cogitateing how to expresse my selfe by ine requitall of some part of them; Now this Play having diverse yeeres since beene thrust into the world to seeke its owne entertainment without somuch as an epistle, or under the Shelter of any generous spirit; is now almost become A2 worne

worne out of memory: And comming to be pressed to the publique view againe, it having none to speake for it (the Author being dead) I am bold to recommend the same to your Worships protection, I know your studies are more propense to more serious subjects, yet vouch. safe, I beseech you to recreate your selfe with this at some vacant time when your leasure will permit you to peruse it, and daigne mee to bee.

Your Worships bounden Servant.

Hyon PERRY.



SIR GYLES GOOSE-CAPPE, KNIGHT.

ACTVS PRIMVS, SCENA PRIMA

Enter Bullaker with a Torche.

Bullaker.



His is the Countesse Engenias house I thinke I can never hit of theis same English City howses, tho I were borne here: if I were in any City in Fraunce, I could find any house there at midnight.

Enter Iacke, and Will.

Iack. Theis two strange hungry Knights (Will) make the leanest trenchers that ever I waited on.

at all, for our attendance, I thinke they use to set their bones in silver they pick them so cleane, see, see, see lack whats that.

Incke. A my word (Will) tis the great Baboone, that

was to be seene in Southwarke.

will. Is this he? Cods my life what beaftes were we, that we wood not see hm all this while, never trust me if he looke not somewhat like a man, see how pretely he holds the torche in one of his foreseete, wheres his keeper trowe, is he broke loose?

Iacke

lacke. Hast ever an Apple about thee (Will) weele take him up sure, we shall get a monstrous deale of mony with him.

Will. That we shall yfath boy, and looke thou here,

heres a red cheekt apple to take him up with.

la. Excellent fit a my credit, lets lay downe our provant, and to him.

Bul. He let them alone a while,

Ia. Give me the apple to take up Iacke, because my name is Iacke.

VVill. Hold thee Iacke, take it.

In. Come lacke, come lacke, come lacke.

Bul. I will come to you sir, Ile lacke ye a my word,

Île Iacke ye.

Wil. Gods me he speakes lacke. O pray pardon us Sir. Bul. Out ye, mopede monckies can yee not knowe a man from a Marmasett, in theis Frenchisted dayes of ours? nay ile lacke sie you a little better yet.

Both, Nay good Sir, good Sir, pardon us.

Bul. Pardon us, out ye home bred peasants, plain english, pardon us? if you had parled, & not spoken, but said Pardonne moy; I wood have pardon'd you, but since you speake, and not parley, I will cudgell ye better yet.

Ambo O pardonne moy mounsieur.

Bul. Bien je vous remercy, thers pardonne pour vous sir now.

Squire of our order Sir.

In. Whose page might you be Sir.

Bul. I am now the great French Travalers page.

VVill. Or rather the Erench Travalers great page. Sir, on, on.

Bul. Hight Captaine Fawleweather, alias Commendations; whose valours within here at super with the Countes Engenia, whose propper exters I take you two to be-

VVill. You mistake us not Sir.

In. This Captaine Fonleweather, alias Comendations.

(Will) Is the Gallant that will needs be a futor to our Countes.

Will. Faith, and if Fouleweather be a welcome futer

to a faire Lady, has good lucke. White San

Ia. O Sir, beware of one that can showre into the lapps of Ladies, Captaine Fowleweather? why hees a Captinado, or Captaine of Captaines, and will lie in their joyntes that give him cause to worke uppon them so heavylie, that he will make their hartes ake I warrant him; Captaine Fowleweather? why he will make the cold stones sweate for seare of him, a day or two before he come at them. Captaine Fowleweather? why he does so domineere, and raigne over women.

Will. A plague of Captaine Fowleweather I remember him now lacke, and know him to be a dull moist-braind. Asse.

Ia. A Southerne man I thinke: 19 19 mg

WVill. As fearefull as a Haire, and will lye like a Lapwing, and I know how he came to be a Captain, and to have his Surname of Commendations.

In. How I preethee VVill?

was yeoman of her wardroppe, & because a cood brush up her silkes lustely, she thought he would curry the enemies coatee as soundly, and so by her commendations, he was made Captaine in the lowe Countries.

Ia. Then being made Captaine onely by his Ladies commendations, without any worth also of his owne, he was ever after surnamd Captaine Commendations?

Will. Right.

Bul, I Sir right, but if he had not said right, my Captaine should have taken no wrong at his handes, nor

yours neyther, I can tell ye.

Captaines Comrades, and within at supper with our Lady Bul. One of their names Sir, is, Sir Gyles Goosecappe, the

B 2 others

others Sir Cutt Rudseby.

will Sir Gyles Gossecappe what's he a gentleman,
Bul. I that he is at least if he be not a noble man, and

his chiese house is in Essex:

In Effex? did not his Auncestors come out of London.

Bul. Yes that they did Sir, the best Gosecappes in England, come out of London Lasture you.

come out ont I hope, but what countriman is Sir

Cutt. Rudesby?

But A Northern man, or a Westernman I take him, but my Captaine is the Emphaticall man; and by that pretty word Emphaticall you shall partly know him for tis a very forcible word in troth, and yet he forces it too much by his favour; mary no more then he does all the rest of his wordes; with whose multiplicity often times he travailes himselfe out of all good company.

- Jucke. Like enough; he travaild for nothing else.

Wills But what qualities haunt Sir Gyles Goosecappe

now Sir.

Bul. Sir Gyles Goosecap has always a deathes head (as it were) in his mouth, for his onely one reason for every thing is, because we are all mortall; and therefore he is generally cald the mortall Knight; then hath he another pretty phrase too, and that is, he will the variety and still in everything, and this is your more totalis of both their virtues.

La. Tis enough, tis enough, as long as they have land enough but now muster your third person afore us I

beseech you.

Bul. The third person, and second Knight blunt Sir Cutt. Rudes by, is indeed blunt at a sharpe wit, and sharpe at a blunt wit a good bustling Gallant talkes well at Rovers; he is two parts souldier; as sloven lie as a Switzer, and somewhat like one in face too; for he weares a bush beard will dead a Cannan shot better then a wool-

packe:

packe he will come into the presence like yor Frenchman in soule bootes, and dares eate Garlike as a preprative to his Courtship, you shall know more of him hereafter 3 but good wags let me winne you now, for the Geographical parts of your Ladies in requitall.

and you will; first my Lady the widowe, and Countes Eugenia; is in earnest, a most worthy Lady, and indeede can doe more than a thousand other Ladies can doe I

can tell you.

Bul. What's that I pray thee?

In Mary Sir, he meanes she can doe more than sleepe, and eate, and drinke; and play at noddy, and helpe to make hir selfe ready.

Bul. Can she so?

Will. She is the best scholler of any woman but one in

England, the is wife, and vertuous.

Ia. Nay she has one strange quality for a woman besides, tho these be strange enough that he has rekoned.

Bul. For Gods fake whats that?

In. She can love reasonable constantly, for she loved her husband only, almost a whole yeere together.

Bul. Thats strange indeed, but what is your faire

Lady Sir ?

Ja. My Lodovir, the Lady Hippolita.

Lancis as chast as ever was Hippolitus.

vise, and halfe a widdow.

Bul. Strange tale to tell; how canst thou make this

good my good Assumpsit.

Ia. Thus Sir, she was betroathed to a gallant young gentleman that loude hir with such passion, and admiration that he never thought he could be so blessed as to enjoy her in sull marriage, till the minister was marrying them, and even then when he was saying I Charles take thee Hippolita with extreame, joy he bega to looke

3 pale,

pale, then going forwards saying, to my wedded wise, he lookt paler, and, then pronouncing, for richer for poorer as long as we both shall live, he lookt extreame pale; Now sir when she comes to speake her part, and said, I Hippolyta take thee Charles, he began to saint for joy, then saying to my wedded husband, he began to sinke, but then going forth too for better for worse, he could stand no longer, but with very conceit; it seemd, that she whom he tendred as the best of all things, should pronounce the worst, and for his sake too; he suncke downe right, and died sodenly: And thus being halfe married, and her halfe husband wholy dead, I hope I may with discretion affirme her, halfe a maide, halfe a wife, and halfe a widdowe: do ye conceive me Sir?

Bul. O Lord Sir, I devoure you quicke; and now Sir I beseech you open unto me your tother Lady, what is shee?

will. Ile answere for her because I know her Ladiship to be a perfect maide indeed.

Bul. How canst thou know that?
Will. Passing perfectly I warrant ye.

Ia. By measuring her necke twice, and trying if it will

come about hir forehead, and slip overher nose?

Will-No Sir no, by a rule that will not slip so I warrant you, which for her honours sake I will let slip unto you, gods so Iacke, I thinke they have super-

Ia. Bir Lady we have waited well the while.

Will. Well though they have lost their attendance, let not us lose our Supper Incke.

Ia.I doe not meane it, come Sir you shall goe in, and

drinke with us yfaith.

Bul. Rardonne may mounsteur.

both. No pardening in truth Sir. Wall of the

Bul. Ie vous remercie de ban cure.

Exeunt:

Enter Goosesappe Rudesby Fouleweather Eugenia. Hippol. Penelope, Winne.

Kud. A plague on you sweet Ladies, tis not so late, what needed you to have made so short a supper.

Goof. In truth Sir Catt. we might have tickled the vanity ant, an howre longer, if my watch be trustible.

Foul. I but how should theis beauties know that Sir

Gyles? your watch is mortall, and may erre.

Go. Thatssooth Captaine, but doe you heare honest friend, pray take a light, and see if the moone shine, I have

a Sunne Diall will rosolue presently.

courtly, unpleasant to cate hastely, and rise sodainly, a mancan shew no discourse, no wit, no stirring no variety, no pretty conceits, to make the meate goe downe emphatically.

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En. I prethee goe to my uncleathe Lord Momford, and intreat him to come quicken our Eares with some of his pleasant Spirit; This same Fowleweather has made me so melancholly, prethee make haste.

Win. I will Madama is sait.

Hip. We will bid our guests good night Madam, this

far comiemeather makes me so sleepy.

Pen. Fie uponit, for Gods sake shut the Casements, heres such a sulsome Airecomes into this Chamber; in good faith Madame you must keepe your House in betterreparations, this same Fowlweather beats in so filthily.

Eng. Ile take order with the Porter for it Lady, good

night gentlemen.

Ru. Why good night, and be hang'd, and you'l needs

be gon-

for my good cheere, weele tickle the vanity ant no longer

longer with you at this time, but ile indite your Lato supper at my lodging one of these mornings; and that ere long too, because we are all mortall you know.

Eu. Light the Lady Penelope, and the Lady Hippolyta

to their Chambers, good night faire Ladies.

Hip. Goodnight Madam, I wish you may sleepe well

after your light supper.

Eng. I warrant you Lady I shall never be troubled with dreaming of my French Suter. Exeunt.

Ru. Why how now my Frenchisted captain Fowlweather? by Cods luddthy Surname is never thought upon here, I perceive heeres no body gives thee any commendations Fo. Why this is the untravaild rudnes of our grosse Englesh Ladies now; would any French Lady use a man thus thinke ye? be they any way so uncivill, and sulsome? they say they weare sowle smockes, and course smockes, I say they lie, and I will die int.

Rud. I, doe so, pray thee, thou shalt die in a very honorable cause, thy countries generall quarrell right.

Foul. Their smockes quoth you; a my word you shall take them up so whit, and so pure, so sweet, so Emphaticall, so mooving-

Rud. I marry Sir, I thinke they be continually moving. Foul. But if their smockes were Course or foule.

Rud. Nay I warrant thee thou carest not, so thou wert at them.

foul. S'death they put not all their vircues in smockes, or in their mockes, or in their stewde cockes as our Ladies doe.

Rud. But in their stewd pox, thersall their gentili-

Goof. Nay good Sir Cutt. doe not agravate him no more.

Foul. Then are they so kinde, so wise, so familiar, so noble, so sweet inentertainment, that when you shall, have cause to descourse or sometimes to come neerer them; if your breath be ill, your teeth ill, or any thing about

about you ill, why they will presently breake with ye, in kinde sort, good termes, pretty experiments, and tell you plaine this; thus it is with your breath, Sir, thus it is with your teeth, Sir, this is your disease, and this is your medicine.

Goof. As I am true mortall Knight, it is most superla-

tively good, this.

Foul. Why this is Courtly now, this is sweete, this plaine, this is familiar, but by the Court of France, our prevish dames are so proud, so precise, so coy, so disdistinfull, and so subtill, as the Pomonian Serpent, mort dien the Puncke of Babylon was never so subtill:

Rud Nay, doe not chafe so Captaine.

Foul. Your Frenchman wood ever chase sir Cutt, being thus movde.

Rud. What? and play with his beard so?

Fonl. I and brystle, it doth expresse that passion of an-

ger very full, and Emphaticall.

Goof. Nay good Knight if your French wood brystle, lethim alone, introth our Ladies are a little too coy, and

subtill, Captaine, indeed.

they are as subtill with their suters, or loves, as the latine Dialect, where the nominative Case, and the Verbe, the Substantive, and the Adjective, the Verbe, and the Verbe, stand as far a sunder, as if they were perfect stranger, one to another; and you shall hardly find them out, but then learne to Conster, and perfe them, and you shall find them prepared and acquainted, and agree together, in Case gender, and number.

Goos. I detest sir Catt, I did not thinke he had bin

halfe the quintessence of a scholler he is-

Foul. Slydd there's not one of them truely Em-

phaticall.

Goof. Yes, I'le ensure you Gaptaine, there are many of them truely Emphaticallibut all your French Ladies are not fatt? are they sir?

Foul

Foul. Fatt fir? why doe ye thinke Emphaticall is fatt

fir Gyles?

Rud. Gods my life, brother Knight, didst thou thinke so? hart I know not what it is my selfe, but yet I never

thought it was fatt, He be sworne to thee.

Foul. Why if any true Courtly dame had, had but this new fashioned sute, to entertaine any thing indifferently stuffed, why you should have had her more respective by farre.

Rud. Náy, theres some reason for that Captaine, me thinkes a true woman should prepetually doate upon

a new fashion.

Foul. Why y'are i'thright fir Cutt. In nova fert animus mutatas dicereformas. Tis the mind of man and woman to affect new fashions; but to our Mynsatives for
sooth, if he come like to your Besognio, or your bore, so
he be rich, or emphaticall they care not; would I might
never excell a dutch Skipper in Courtship, if I did not
put distaste into my cariage of purpose, I knew I should
not please them Lacquay? allume le torche.

Rud-Slydd, heres neyther Forch, nor Lacquay, me

thinks.

Foul. O mon dieu.

Rud. O doe not sweare Captaine.

Foul. Your Frenchman ever sweares, Sir Cutt, upon

the lacke of his Lacquay, I assure yo

Goof. See heere he comes, and my Ladie two have bin tickling the vanity ant yfaith.

SCENATERTIA.

Enter to them lacke. Bullaker, Will.

In Captaine Fowleweather, my Lady the Countes Engenis commends her most kindly to you, and is determined to morrow-morning earely, if it be a frost, to take her Coach to Barnet to be nipt; where if it please you,

your wit with the frost, and helpe to nip her, She does not doubt but tho you had a sad supper, you will have a joyfull breakefast.

Foul. I shall indeed my deare youth.

dies respected thee not, and now I perceive the widow

is in love with thee.

Fonl. Sblood, Knight, I knew. I had struckeherto the quicke, I wondred shee departed in that extravagant fashion: I am sure I past one Passado of Courtship upon her, that has hertosore made a lane amongst the French Ladies like a Gulvering shot, Ile be sworne; and I thinke Sir Gyles you saw she fell under it.

Goof. O as cleare as candlelight, by this day-light.

Ru.O good Knight a the post, heele sweare any thing.

Will. The other two Ladies commend them no lesse kindly to you two Knights too; & desire your worships wood meete them at Barnet ith morning with the Captaine.

Font. Goof. Rud. O good. Sir.

Goof. Our worships shall attend their Ladiships thether. In. No Sir Gyles by no meanes, they will goe privately thether, but if you will meet them there.

Rud. Meet them? weele die fort, but weele meet them. Foul. Lets goe the ther to night Knights, and you be

Rud Content.

Ia. How greedely they take it in, Sirra?

betimes ith morning, and not goe to bedd at all.

Foul. Why its but ten miles, and a fine cleere night, fir-

Gyles.

Goos. But ten miles? what doe ye talke Captaine?

Rud: Why? dooft thinke its any more?

Goof. I, Ile lay ten pounds its, more then ten miles, or twelve eyther.

Rude

Rud. What to Barnet?
Goose: I, to Barnet.

Ru. Slidd, Ile lay a hundred pound with thee, if thou

wilt.

Goof He lay five hundred, to a hundred, Slight I will not be outborne with a wager, in that I know: I am fure it was foure yeeres agon ten miles thether, and I hope tis more now, Slidd doe not miles grow thinke you, as well as other Animals?

la. O wise Knight!

Goof. I never innd in the Towne but once, and then they lodged me in a Chamber so sull of these Ridiculous Fleas, that I was faine to lie standing all night, and yet I made my mansise, and put out the Candle too, because they should not see to bite me.

Foul. A pretty project.

Bul. Intruth Captaine, if I might advise you, you should

tarry, and take the morning afore you.

Foul. How? O mon Dieu! how the villaine poultroune, dishonours his travaile! you Buffonly Mouchroun, are you so mere rude, and English to advise your Captaine?

Ru. Nay, I prethee Fouleweather, be not tempesteous

with thy poore Lacquay.

Foul. Tempekeous, Sir Cutt? will your Frenchman.

thinke you, suffer his Lacquay to advise him?

Go. O God you must take heed lacquay how you advise your Captaine, your French lacquay would ..ot have done it.

Foul. He would have bin poxt first: Allum: le torche, sweet Pages commend us to your Ladies, say we kisse their white hands, and will not faile to meete them: Knights, which of you leades?

Goos. Not wee sir, you are a Captaine, and a

leader.

Rud. Besides, thou art commended for the better man, for thou art very Commendations it selfe, and Captaine Commendations.

Foul.

Foul. Why? what the I be Captaine Commendations?

Rud. Why, and Captaine Commendations, is harty commendations, for Captaines are harty. I am sure, or else hang them.

Foul. Why, what if I be harty Commendations,

come, come, sweet, Knights lead the way.

Rud. O Lord sir, alwayes after my harty Commendations.

Foul. Nay then you conquer me with precedent, by the autenticall forme of all Iustice letters, Alloun.

Exeunt.

Ia. Here's a most sweet Gudgeon swallowed, is there not?

will. I but how will they digest it, thinkest thou

when they shall finde out Ladies not there?

Ia. I have a vaunt-currying devise shall make them digest it most healthfully.

Exeunt.

SCENA QVARTA.

Enter Clarence, Musicians.

Cla. Worke on sweet love, I am not yet resolved Texhaust this troubled spring of vanities, And Tune of perturbations, my poore life, And therefore since in every man that holds. This being deare, there must be some desire, Whose power to enjoy his object may so maske. The judging part, that in her radiant eyes. His estimation of the World may seeme. Vpright, and worthy, I have chosen love. To blind my Reason with his misty hands. And make my estimative power believe. I have a project worthy to imploy. What worth so ever my whole man affords:

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then fit at rest my soule, thou now hast sound the end of thy insussion, in the eyes

Of thy divine Eugenia looke for Heaven.

Is your good Lord, and mine, gon up to beddyet?

Enten. Momsord.

Mom.I do assure ye not sir, not yet, nor yet, my deepe, and studious friend, not yet musicall Clarence.

Cla. My Lord ? Let sulf s'aguar les faire

Mom. Nor yet, thou sole divider of my Lordshippe.

Cla. That were a most unfit division,

And farre above the pitch of my low plumes; I am your bold, and constant guest my Lord.

Mom. Far, far from bold, for thou hast known me long. Almost these twenty yeeres, and hasse those yeeres. Hast bin my bed-sellow; long time before. This unseene thing, this thing of naught indeed, Or Atome cald, my Lordshippe shind in me, And yet thou mak it thy selfe as little bould. To take such kindnes, as becomes the Age. And truth of our indissoluble love, As our acquaintance sprong but yesterday, Such is thy gentle, and too tender spirit.

Cla. My Lord, my want of Courtship makes me seare
I should be rude, and this my mean cita.

Meetes with such envie, and detraction,
Such misconstructions, and resolud misdoomes
Of my poore worth, that should I be advaunced
Beyond my unseene lowenes but one haire,
I should be torne in peeces with the Spirits
That shy in ill-lungd tempests through the world,
Tearing the head of vertue from her shoulders
If she but looke out of the ground of glory.
Twixt, whom, and me, and every worldly fortune
There sights such sowre, and curst Antiputhy,

So waspish, and so petulant a Starre,
That all things tending to my grace or good
Areravisht from their object, as I were
A thing created for a wildernes,

And must not thinke of any place with men-

Mom. O harke you Sir, this waiward moode of yours must sisted be, or rather rooted out, youle no more musicke Sir?

Cla. Not now my Lord.

Mom. Begon my masters then to bedd, to bedd.
Cla. 1 thanke you honest friends.

Exeunt Musicians.

Mo. Hence with this book, & now Mounsieur Clarence, me thinks plaine, & prose friendship would do excellent well betwixt us come thus Sir, or rather thus, come. Sir tis time I trowe that we both liv'd like one body, thus, and that both our sides were slit, and concorporat with Organs sit to effect an individuall passage even for our very thoughts; suppose we were one body now, and I charge you believe it; whereof I am the hart, and you the liver.

Cla. Your Lordship might well make that division, if

you knew the plaine long to he saw or yet

Mo: O'Sir, and why for pray?

Clas First Because the heart, is the more worthy entraile being the first that is borne, and moves, and the

of heate too for wheresoever our heate does not flow directly from the hart to the other Organs, there, their action must of necessity cease, and so without you I neither would nor could live.

Mom. Well sir, for these reasons I may be the heart,

why may you be the liver now?

Lord. I am more then asham'd, to tell you that my

Mom. Nay, nay, be not too suspitious of my judgement in you I beseech you: asham'd friend? if your

love overcome not that shame, a shame take that love, I say.

Come fir, why may you be the liver?

Cla. The plaine, and short truth is (my Lord) because I am all liver, and turnd lover.

. Mom. Lover?

Cla. Lover yfaith my Lord.

Mom. Now I prethee let me leape out of my skin for joy: why thou wilt not now revive the fociable minth of thy sweet disposition? wilt thou shine in the World anew? and make those that have sleighted thy love, with the Austeritie of thy knowledge, dote on thee agains with thy commanding shaft of their humours?

Gla. Alas my Lord they are all farre out of my aime; and only to fit my selfea little better to your friend-shippe, have I given these wilfull raynes to my affe-

ctions

Mom. And yfaith is my lower friend to all worldly defires ouer taken with the hart of the World, Love? I shall be monstrous proud now, to heare shees every way a most rare woman, that I know thy spirit, & judgement hath chosen, is she wise? is she noble? is she capable of thy vertues? will she kisse this forehead with judiciall lipps? where somuch judgement, & vertue deserves it? Come brother Twin, be short, I charge you, and name me the woman.

Cla. Since your Lordship will shorten the length of my sollies relation, the woman that I so passionately love, is no worse Ladythen your owne Neece, the too

worthy Countesse Engenia.

Mom. Why so, so, so, you are a worthy friend, are you not, to conceale this love-mine in your head, and would not open it to your hart? now bestrow my bart, if my hart danse not for joy, tho my heeles do not, and they doe not, because I will not set that at my heeles that my friend sets at his heart? friend, and Nephews both? nephew is a far inserior title to friend

I confesse, but I will preferre thee backwards (as many friends doe) and leave their friends woorse then they found them.

Cla. But my noble Lo. it is almost a prodigy, that I being onely a poore Gentleman, and farre short of that state, and wealth that a Lady of her greatnesses in

both will expect in her husband.

Mom. Hold thy doubt friend, never feare any woman, unlesse thy selfe be made of straw, or some such drie matter, and she of lightning. Audacitie prospers above probability in all Worldly matters. Dost not thou know that Fortune governes them without order, and therefore reason the mother of order is none of her counsaile! why should a man desiring to aspire an unreasonable creature; which is a woman, seeke her fruition by reasonable meanes? because thy selfe binds upon reason, wilt thou looke for congruity in a woman? why? there is not one woman amongst one thousand, but will speake false Latine, and breake Priscians head. Attempt nothing that you may with great reason doubt of and out of doubt you shall obtaine nothing. I tell thee friend the eminent confidence of strong spirits is the onely witch-crast of this VVorld, Spirits wrastling with spirits as bodies with bodies: this were enough to make thee hope well, if the were one of thefe painted communities, that are ravisht with Coaches, and upper hands, and brave men of durt : but thou knowest friend shees a good scholler, and like enough to bite at the rightest reason; and reason evermore Ad optima hortatur: to like that which is best, not that which is bravest, or rightest, or greatest, and so consequently worst. But prove what shee can, wee will turne her, and winde her, and make her so plyant, that we will drawe her thorugh a wedding ring yfaith.

Cla. Would to god we might my Lord.

Mom. He warrant thee friend.

Enter Messenger.

Mes. Here is Mistris Winnifred; for my Lady Euge-

win desires to speake with your Lordship.

Mom. Marry enter Mistris Winnifred even here I pray thee, from the Lady Eugenia, doe you heare friends?

Cla. Very easily on that side my Lord.

Mom: Let me feele. does not thy heart pant apace? by my hart well labor'd Cupid, the field is yours fir God, and upon a very honourable composition, I am sent for now I am sure, and must even trusse, and to her-

Enter Winnifred.

Witty Mistris Winnifred, nay come neere woman. I am fure this Gentleman thinkes his Chamber the sweeter for your deare presence.

Win. My absence shall thanke him my Lord.

Mom. What rude? Mistris Winnifred? nay faith you shall come to him, and kisse him, for his kindenesse.

Win. Nay good my Lord, I'le never goe to the market for rhat ware, I can have it brought home to my Dore.

Mom. O Winnifred, a man may know by the mar-

ket-folkes how the market goes.

Win. So you may my Lord, but I know few Lords that thinke scorne to go to that market themselves

Mom. To goe to it Winnifred? nay to ride to it yfaith.

Win. Thats more then I know my Lord.

Mom. Youle not beleeveit till youare then a horsebacke, will ye? (you hreare it?

Win. Come, come, I am sent of a message to you, will Mom. Stoppe, stoppe faire Winnifred, would you have audience so soone, there were no state in that

yfaith; this faire gentlewoman sir.

Win. Now we shall have a fiction I beleeve.

Mom Had three Suters at once.

Win. Youle leave out none my Lord.

Mom. No more did you Winnifred: you entérferde with them all in truth.

Win. O Monstrous Lord by this light!

Mom. Now fir to make my tale short I will doe that which she did not; vz. leave out the two first, the third comming the third night for his turne.

Win. My Lord, my lord, my Lady does that, that no body else does, desires your company, and so fare

you well.

Mom. O stay a little sweet Winnifred, helpe me butto

trusse my Poynts againe, and have with you.

Win. Not I by my truth my Lord, I had rather see your hose about your heeles, then I would helpe you to trusse a poynt.

Mom. O witty Winnifred? for that jest, take thy passeport, and tell thy Ladies, thou lests me with my hose

about my heeles.

Win. Well, well my Lord you shall sit till the mosse grow about your heeles, ere I come at you againe. Exit.

Mom. She cannot abide to heare of her three Suiters; but is not this very fit my sweet Clarence? Thou seest my rare Neece cannot sleepe without me; but for thy company sake, she shall to night; and in the morning I will visit her earely; when doe thou but stand in that place, and thou moiest chance heare (but art sure to see) in what subtill, and farre-fetcht manner Ile solicite her about thee.

Cla. Thank's worthy Lord.

Exeunt.

Finis Altus Primi.

ACTVS SECVNDISCENA PRIMA

Clarence Solus.

Cla. I That have studied with world-skorning thoughts
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the way of Heaven, and how trew Heaven is reatcht To know how mighty, and how many are The strange affections of inchanted number. How to distinguish all the motions Of the Celestiall bodies, and what power Doth separate in such forme this massie Row nd. What is his Essence, Efficacies, Beames, Foot-steps, and Shadowes? what Eternesses is The World, and Time, and Generation? What Soule, the worlds Soule is? what the blacke And unreveald Originall of Things, (Springs What their perseverance? what's life, and death, And what our certaine Restauration; Am with the staid-heads of this Time imploy'd To watch withall my Nerves a Female shade.

Euter Winnifred, Anabell, with their sowing workes and sing: After their song Enter Lord Momford,

Countesse, I pray?

Win. Faith your Lordship is bould enough to seeke

her out, if she were at her urinall?

Mom. Then Sh'as done it seemes, for here she comes to save me that labour, away wenches, get you hence wenches.

Exeunt.

Eu. What, can you not abide my maides unkle?

Mom. I never cood abide a maide in my life Neece, but either I draw away the maide, or the maidenhead with a wet finger.

Eug. You love to make your selfe worse then

you are still.

Mom. I know few mend in this V Vorld Madam, For the worse the better thought on, the better the worse spoken on ever amongst women.

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Eu. I wonder where you have bin all this while with your sentences.

Mom. Faith where I must be againe presently. I cart-

not stay long with you my deere Neece.

En. By my faith but you shall my Lord, cods pittie what will become of you shortly, that you drive maids a fore you, & offer to leave widowes behind you as mankindelie, as if you had taken a surfet of our Sex lately, and our very sight turnd your stomacke?

Mom. Cods my life, she abuses her best unkle; never trust me is it were not a good revenge to helpe her

to the lose of her wodow-head.

En. That were a revenge, and a halfe, indeed.

Mom Nay twere but a whole revenge Necce, but such a revenge as would more then observe the true rule of a revenger.

Eu.I know your rule before you utter it, Vleiscere ini-

mico sed sine tuo incommode.

Mom. O rare Neece, you may see, what tis to be a a scholler now, learning in a woman is like waight in gold, or luster in Diamants, which in no other Stone is so rich or resulgent.

Eug. But say deere Vnckle how could you finde in

your heart to stay so long from me?

Mom. Why Alas Neece, y'are so smeard with this willfull-widdows-three-yeeres blacke weede, that I never come to you, but I dreame of Coarses, and Sepulchres, and Epitaphs, all the night after, and therefore adew deere Neece.

Eug. Beshrew my heart my Lord, if you goe theis

three houres.

Mom. Three houres? nay Neece, if I daunce attendance three hours (alone in her Chamber) with any Lady so neere alide to me, I am very idle yfaith, mary with such an other; I would daunce, one, two, three, source, and sive, tho it cost me ten shillings; and now I am in, have at it, my head must devise something while my seet

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are pidling thus, that may bring her to some fit confideration of my friend, who indeed is onely a great scholler, and all his honours, and riches lie in his minde.

Eu. Come, come, pray tell me uncle, how does my

cosen Momford?

Mom. Why, well, very well Neece, and so is my friend Clarence well too, and then is there a worthy gentleman well as any is in England I can tell ye.

Eng. But when did you see my Cosen ?

Mom. And tis pitty but he should do well, and he shall be well too, if all my wealth will make him well.

Eng. What meanes he by this tro yee, your Lo. is

very dansitive me thinkes.

Mom. I, and I could tell you a thing would make your Ladiship very dansitive, or else it were very dunsative yfaith. O how the skipping of this Christmas blocke of ours moves the block-head heart of a woman, & indeed any thing that pleaseth the foolish eye which presently runnes with a lying tale of Excellence to the minde.

Eug. But I pray tell me my Lo could you tell me of

a thing would make me danie say you?

Mom. Well, farewell sweet Neece, I mnst needs take

my leave in earnest.

En.Lord blesse us, heres such a stir with your sarewels Mom. I will see you againe within these two or three

dayes a my word Neece.

Eng. Cods pretious, two or three dayes? Why this Lord is in a maruallous strange humor. Sit downe sweet Vnckle, yfairh I have to talke with you about greate matters.

Mom. Say then deere Neece, be short utter your minde quickly now.

Eug. But I pray tell me first, what's that would make

me danse yfaith?

Mom. Danse, what danse? hetherto your dansers legges bow for-sooth, and Caper, and jerke, and Firke;

Firke, and dandle the body above them, as it were their great childe, though the special jerker be about this place I hope, here lies that shud fetch a perfect woman over the Coles yfaith.

Eug. Nay good Vnckle say what's the thing you

could tell me of?

Mom. No matter, no matter: But let me see a passing prosperous fore-head of an exceeding happy distance betwixt the eye browes; a cleare lightning eye; a temperate, and fresh bloud in both the cheekes: excellent markes, most excellent markes of good fortune.

Eng. Why, how now Vnckle did you never see me

before?

Mom. Yes Neece; but the state of these things at this instant must be specially observed, and these outward signes being now in this cleere elevation, show your untroubled minde is in an excellent power, to preserve them to act forth then a little deere Neece.

Eng. This is excellent.

Mom. The Crises here are excellent good; The proportion of the chin good; the little aptnes of it to sticke out; good. And the wart above it most exceeding good. Never trust me, if all things be not answerable to the prediction of a most Divine fortune towards her; now if she have the grace to apprehend it in the nicke; there all.

Eug. Well my Lord, since you will not tell me your secret, ile keepe another from you; with whose discovery, you may much pleasure me, and whose concealement may hurt my estate. And if you be no kinder then to see me so indangered; ile be very patient of it,

I assure you.

Mom. Nay then it must instantly foorth. This kinde con juration even fires it out of me; and (to be short) gather all your judgment together, for here it comes. Neece; Clarence Clarence, rather my soule then my fried Carence of too substantials a worth, to have any figures cast a-

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bout him (notwithstanding, no other woman with Empires could stirre his affections) is with your vertues most extreamely in love; and without your requitall dead. And with it Fame shall sound this golden disticke through the World of you both.

Non illo melior quisquam, nec amantior aqui Vir suit, aut illa reverentior ulla Deorum.

Eug. Ay me poore Dame, O you amase me Vncle, Is this the wondrous fortune you presage?

What man may miserable women trust?

Mom. O peace good Lady, I come not to ravish you to any thing. But now I see how you accept my motion: I perceive (how upon true triall) you esteeme me. Have I rid all this Circuit to levie the powers of your Iudgment, that I might not prove their strength too sodainly with so violent a charge; And do they fight it out in white bloud, and show me their hearts in the soft Christall of teares?

Eng. O uncle you have wounded your selfe in charging me that I should shun sudgement as a monster, if it would not weepe; I place the poore selicity of this World in a woorthy friend, and to see him so unworthily revolted, I shed not the teares of my Brayne, but the teares of my soule. And if ever nature made teares th'effects of any worthy cause, I am sure I now shed them worthily.

Mom. Her sensuall powers are up ysaith, I have thrust her soule quite from her Tribunall. This is her Sedes vacans when her subjects are priviledged to libell against her, and her friends. But weeps my kinde Neece for the wounds of my friendship? And I toucht in friendship for wishing my friend doubled in her singular happi-

nesse?

Eng. How am I doubl'd? when my honour, and good name

name, two essentials parts of me; would be lesse, and losse?

Mom. In whose judgment?

Eug. In the judgment of the World.

Mom. Which is a fooles boult. Nihil a virtute nec a veritate remotius, qu'am vulgaris opinio: But my deare Necce, it is most true that your honour, and good name tendred, as they are the species of truth, are worthily two essentiall parts of you; But as they consist only in ayrie titles, and corruptible bloud (whose bitternes sanit as of non nobilit as efficit) and care not how many base, and execrable acts they commit, they touch you no more then they touch eternity. And yet shall no nobility you have in eyther, be impaired neyther.

Eug. Not to marry a poore Gentleman?

Mom. Respect him not so; for as he is a Gentleman he is noble; as he is wealthily furnished with true knowledge, he is rich, and therein adorn'd with the exacted complements belonging to everlasting noblenesse.

Eug. Which yet will not maintaine him a weeke: Such kinde of noblenesse gives no coates of honour, nor can

scarse get a coate for necessity.

Mom. Then is it not substantiall knowledge (as it is in him) but verball, and fantasticall for Omnia in illa ille complexu tenet.

Eng. Why seekes he me then?

Mom. To make you joynt partners with him in all things, and there is but a little partiall difference betwixt you, that hinders that universall joynture: The bignesse of this circle held too neere our eye keepes it from the whole Spheare of the Sun; but could we sustaine it indifferently betwixt us, and it would then without checke of one beame appeare in his fulnes.

Eug. Good Vnckle be content, for now shall I never

dreame for contentment.

Mom. I have more then done Lady, and had rather have suffer'd an alteration of my being, then of your E judgment;

Iudgment; but (deere Neece) for your own konours, sake repaire it instantly.

Enter Hippolyta. Penelope. Iacke. Will.

See heere comes the Ladies; make an A-prill day, on deare love, and bee sodainly cheere-full God save you more then saire Ladies, I am glad your come, for my busines will have me gone presently.

Hip. Why my Lord Momford I say? will you goe be-

fore Dinner?

Mom. No remedy, sweet Beauties, for which rudnesse I lay my hands thus low for your pardons.

Pen. O Courteous Lo. Momford!

Mom. Neece? — Mens est quæ sola quietos, Sola facit claros, mentemque honoribus ornat. Exit.

Eug. Verus honos juvat, at mendax infamia terret.

Mom. Mine owne deare nephew?

Cla. What successe my Lord?

Mom: Excellent; excellent; come Ile tell thee

Hip. Doe you heare Madam, how our youthes here have guld our three Suiters?

Eug. Not I Lady, I hope our suiters are no sit meat

for our Pages.

Pe. No Madam, but they are fit sawce for any mans meat, Hewarrent them.

Eug. What's the matter Hippolyta?

Hip. They have sent the Knights to Barnet, Madam, this frosty morning to meet us there.

Eug. I'strue youths, are Knights fit subjects for your.

knaveries?

Will. Pray pardon us Madam, we would be glad to please any body.

Is.

Sir Gyles Goose. cappe.

In. I indeed, Madam, and we were sure we pleafed them highly, to tell them you were desirous of their company.

Hip.O t'was good Eugenia, their livers were too hot, you know, and for tempers sake they must needs have

a cooling carde plaid upon them.

Wil. And besides Madam we wood have them know that your two little Pages, which are lesse by halfe then two leaves, have more learning in them then is in all their three volumnes.

Ia. I yfaith Will, and put their great pagicall index

to them too.

Hip. But how will ye excuse your abuses wags?
Wil. We doubt not Madam, but if it please your Ladiship to put up their abuses.

In. Trusting they are not so deere to you, but you

may.

Wil. We shall make them gladly surnish their poc-

kets wirh them.

Hip. Well, children, and foules, agree as you will, and let the World know now, women have nothing to doe with you.

Pe. Come, Madam, I thinke your Dinner be almost

ready.

Enter Tales, Kingcob.

Hip. And see, here are two honourable guests for you, the Lord Tales, and sir Cutberd Kingoob.

Ta. Lacke you any guests Madam?

Eu. I my Lo such guests as you.

Hip. Theres as common an answere, as yours was a question my Lord.

King. Why? all things shood be common betwixt

Lords, and Ladies, you know.

Pen.Indeed sir Cutberd Kingcob, I have heard, you are either of the family of Love, or of no religion at all.

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Eng. He may well be faid to be of the family of love, he does so flow in the loves of poore overthrowne Ladies.

Ring. You speake of that I wood doe Madam, but in earnest, I am now suing for a new Mistres; looke in my hand sweet Lady, and tell me what fortune I shall have with her.

Eng. Doe you thinke me a witch, Sir Cutberd?

King. Pardon me Madam, but I know you to be learned in all things.

Eug. Come on, lets see.

Hip. He does you a speciall favour Lady, to give you his open hand, for tis commonly shut they say.

King. What find you in it Madam?
Eng. Shut it now, and ile tell yee.

King. What now Lady?

Eug. Y'ave the worst hand that ever I saw Knight have, when tis open, one can find nothing in it, and when tis shut one can get nothing out ont.

King. The age of letting goe is past, Madam; we must not now let goe, but strike up mens heeles, and take am as they fall.

En g A good Cornish principle beleeve it sir Gutberd.

Tales But I pray tell me Lady Penelope, how entertaine
you the love of my Cosen sir Gyles Goose-cappe.

Pene. Are the Goose-cappes a kin to you my Lord?

Ta. Even in the first degree Madam. And Sir Gyles I can tell ye, tho he seeme something simple, is composed of as many good parts as any Knight in England.

Hip. He snood be put up for concealement then, for

he shewes none of them:

Pen. Are you able to reckon his good parts my Lord? Ta. Ile doe the best I can Lady, first, he danses as comely, and lightly as any man, for upon my honour, I have seene him danse upon Egges, and a has not broken them.

Pene. Nor crackt them neyther.

Ta. That I know not, indeed I wood be loath, to lie. though he be my kinsman, to speake more then I know by him.

Eug. Well forth my Lord?

Ta. He has an excellent skill in all manner of perfumes, & if you bring him gloves from forty pence, to forty shillings a paire; he will tell you the price of them to two pence.

Hip. A pretty sweet quality believe me-

Tales. Nay Lady he will perfume you gloves him felfe most delicately, and give them the right Spanish Titillation.

Pene. Titillation what's that my Lord?

Tal. Why, Lady, tis a pretty kinde of terme new come up in perfuming, which they call a Titillation.

Hip. Very well expounded my Lo; forth with your

kinsmans parts I pray.

Tal. He is the belt Sempster of any woman in England, and will worke you needle-worke-edgings, and French Purles, from an Angell to foure Angells a yarde.

Eug. That's pretious ware indeed.

Tal. He will worke you any flower to the life, as like it as if it grew in the very place, and being a delicate perfumer, he will give it you his perfect, and naturall favour.

Hip. This is wonderfull; forth sweet Lo. Tales.

Tal. He will make you flyes, and wormes, of all forts most lively, and is now working a whole bed embrodred, with nothing but glowe wormes; whose lights a has so perfectly done, that you may goe to bed in the Chamber, doe any thing in the Chamber, without a Candle.

Pene. Never trust me, if it be not incredible; forth

my good Lord.

Tal. He is a most excellent Turner, and will turne you wassel-bowles, and posset Cuppes caruld with lib-E 2 berds

Sir Gyles Goose-cappe.

berds faces, and Lyons heads with spouts in their mouths, to let out the posset Ale, most artificially.

Eng. Forth good Lord Tales.

Pene. Nay good my Lord no more, you have spoken for him thoroughly I warrant you!

Hip. I lay my life Cupid has thot my fifter in love with

Eug. Well, come in my Lords, and take a bad Dinner with me now, and we will all goe with you at night to a better supper with the Lo. and Lady Furniful.

King. Tale. We attend you honourable I adies.

Exeunt.

ACTVS TERTII SCENA PRIMA.

Enter Rudesby, Goose-cappe.

Rud. Bullaker.

Bul. I Sir.

Rud. Ride, and catch the Captaines Horse.

Bul. So I doe Sir.

Rud I wonder, Sir Gyles, you wood let him goe so,

and not ride after him.

Ooof. Wood I might never be mortall fir Cut. if I rid not after him, till my horse sweat. so that he had nere a dry thread on him, and hollod, and hollod to him to stay him, till I had thought my fingers ends wood have gon off with hollowings; He be sworne to yee, & yet he ran his way like a Diogenes, and would never stay for us.

Rud. How shall we doe to get the lame Captaineto

London, now his horse is gone?

. Goof. Why?he is but a lame jad neyther Sir Moyle,

we shall soone our'take him I warrent ye.

Rud. And yet thou saist thou gallopst after him as fast as thou coodst, and coodst not Catch him; I say

my life some Crabfish has bitten thee by the tongue,

thou speakest so backward still.

Goof. But heres all the doubt fir Cutt. if no body shoold catch him now, when he comes at London, some boy or other wood get up on him, and ride him hot into the water to wash him; He bee fworne I followed one that rid my Horse into the Thames, till I was up tooth knees hethereto; and if it had not beene for feare of going over shooes, because I am troubled with the rheume, I wood have taught him to wash my Horse when he was hot yfaith.

Enter Fowleweather.

How now sweet Captaine, dost seele any ease in thy paine yet of the minute of the state of the state

Rud. Ease in his paine quoth you, has good lucke is he feele ease in paine, I thinke, but wood any asse in the World ride downe such a Hill as High-gate is, in such a frost as this, and never light.

Faul. Cods precious fir Cutt. your Frenchman never

lights I tell ye.

Goof Light fir Cutt, Slight, and I had my horse againe, theres here a paltry English frost anthem all shood

make me light?

Rud Goe too you French Zanies you you will follow the French steps so long, till you be not able to set one found steppe oth ground all the daies of your life.

Goof. Why fir Cut. I care not if I be not found, so I be well, but we were justly plagu'd by this Hill, for fol-

lowing women thus.

Foul. I, and English women too, fir Gyles.

Rud. Thou art still prating against English women, I have seene none of the French Dames, I confesse, but your greatest gallants, for men in France, were here lately, I am sure, and methinks there should be no more difference difference betwixt our Ladies, and theirs, then there is betwixt our Lords, and theirs, and our Lords are as farr by ond them yfaith, for person, and Courtship, as they are beyond ours for phantasticality.

Foul. O Lord sir Cut: I am sure our Ladies hold our Lords tacke for Courtship, and yet the French Lords

put them downe, you noted it sir Gyles.

Goos. O God sir, I stud, and heard it, as I sat ith presence.

Rud. How did they put them downe, I pray thee?

Foul. VVhy for wit, and for Court-ship Sir

Moile.

Foul. As how good left handed Francois.

Foul. Why Sir when Monsieur Lambois came to your mistris the Lady Hippolyta as she sate in the presence, sit downe here good Sir Gyles Goose-cappe, he kneeld me by her thus Sir, and with a most queint French start in his speech of ah belli ssime, I desire to die now saies he for your love that I might be buried here.

Rud. A good pickt-hatch complement, by my faith;

but I prethee what answer'd she.

Foul. She, I scorne to note that, I hope then did he

vie it againe with an other hah.

Rud. That was hah, hah, I wood have put the third hah to it, if I had beene as my Mistris, and hah, haht him out of the presence yfaith.

Foul. Hah saies he, theis faire eyes, i wood not for a million they were in France, they wood renew all our

civill-wars againe.

Goof. That was not so good methinkes Captaine.

Rud-Well, indgd yfaith, there was a little wit in that, I must confesse, but she put him downe far, & answered him with a question, & that was whether he wood seeme a lover, or a jester? if a lover, he must tell her far more lykelier then those, or else she was far from beleeving them, if a jester, she cood have much more ridiculous jests then his of twenty sooles, that followed the

Court,

Sir Gyles Goose cappe.

Court, and told him she ha as lieve be courted with a brush sagget as with a French man, that spent it selfe all in sparkes, and would sooner sire ones chimney then warme the house, and that such sparkes were good enough yet to set thatcht dispositions a fire, but hers was tild with sleight, and respected them as sleightly.

Goof. Why so Captaine, and yet you talke of your great Frenchmen, to God little England had never

knowne them I may say.

Foul. What's the matter sir Gylesi are you out of love

with Frenchmen now of a sodaine?

Ile hee sworne. Ile bee sworne, they tooke away a mastie Dogge of mine by commission now, I thinke on't, makes my teares stand in my eyes with griese. I had rather lost the dearest friend that ever I lay withall, in my life, be this light, never stir is the fought not with great Sekerson source hours to one, foremost take up hindmost, and tooke so many loaves from him, that he sterud him presently: So at last the dog cood doe no more then a Beare cood doe, and the beare being havy with hunger you know, sell upon the Dogge, broke his backe, and the Dogge never stird more.

Rud. Why thou faist the French men tooke him aways Goos. Frenchmen, I, so they did too, but yet, and he had not bin kild, twood nere a greeved me.

Foul. O excellent unity of speech.

Enter Will, and Iacke as seucrall Doores

In. Save you Captaine.

Foul. Pages, welcome my fine Pages.

Rud. VVelcome boyes.

Goof. VVelcome (weet Will, good lacks.)

Fort.

Foul-But how chance you are so farre from London

now pages ? is it almost Dinner time ?

wil. Yes indeed Sir, but we left our fellowes to wait for once, and cood not chuse in pure love to your worships, but we must needs come, and meet you, before you meet our Ladies, to tell you a secret.

Omnes. A secret, what secret I pray thee?

Ia. If ever your worships sayanything, we are undone for ever.

Omnes. Not for a World beleeve it-

Will. Why then this it is; we over-heard our Ladies as they were talking in private lay, they reful'de to meet you at Barnet this morning of purpose, because they wood try which of you were most patient.

la. And some said you, Sir Gyles, another you Sir.

and the third you Captaine.
Om. This was excellent.

wil. Then did they sweare one another not to excuse themselves to you by any meanes, that they might try you the better, now if they shall see you say nothing in the World to them, what may come of it, when Ladies begin to try their suters once, I hope your wisedomes can judge a little.

Foul. O ho, my little knave, let us alone now yfaith,

wood I might be Casheird, if I sayany thing.

Rud. Faith, and I can forbeare my Tongue as well as a 10ther, I hope.

Goof. Wood I might be degraded, if I speake a word,

He tell them I care not for looking my labour.

Foul. Come Knights shall wee not reward the Pages?

Rud. Yes I prethee doe, fir Gyles give the boyes

something.

Goof. Never stirre sir Cut. if I have ever a groat about me but one three pence.

Ford. VVell Knights ile lay out fors all, here

Sir Gyles Goose cappe.

my fine Pages.

Wil. No in deed ant please your worship.

Foul. O Pages refuse a Gentlemans bounty?

Ia. Cry you mercy Sir, thanke you sweet Cap-taine.

Foul. And what other newes is stirring my fine villiacos.

Wil. Marry Sir, they are invited to a great support on ight to your Lords house, Captaine, the Lord Furnifall, and there will be your great cosen Sir Gyles Goose cappe, the Lo. Tales, and your Vnckle Sir Cut. Rudesby, Sir Curbert Kingcob.

Foal. The Lo. Tales, what countriman is he?

In. A kentish 10. sir, his ancestors came forth off Canterbury.

Foul. Out of Canterbury.

VVil. I indeed, Sir, the best Tales in England are your Canterbury Tales, I assure ye.

Rud. The boy tels thee true Captaine.

Ia. He writes his name Sir, Tales, and he being the tenth sonne his Father had; his Father Christ-ned him Decem Tales, and so his whole name is the Lord Decem Tales.

Goof. A my mortality the boy knowes more then I doe of our house.

Rud But is the LA. Furnifall (Captaine) still of the

fame drinking humor she was wont to be?

Foul. Still of the same, Knight, and is never in any sociable veine till she be typsie, for in her sobriety she is madd, and seares my good little old Lo. out of all proportion.

King. And therefore, as I heare, he will earnestly invite guests to his house, of purpose to make his wife dronke,

and then dotes on her humour most prophanely.

Foul. Tis very true Knight; we will suppe with them to night; and you shall see her; and now I thinke ont, ile tell you a thing Knights, wherein perhaps you

may exceedingly pleasure me.

Goof. VVhat's that good Captaine?

ry Foole, & I cood helpe him to a good merry one, he might doe me very much credit I assure ye.

Rud. Sbioud thou speakest to us as if we cood serue

thy turne.

Foul. O France Sir Cut. your Frenchman wood not have taken me so, for a world, but because Fooles come into your companies many times to make you merry.

Rud. As thou doest.

Goof. Nay good sir Cut. you know fooles doe come into your companies.

Rud. I and thou knowst it too, no man better.

Foul. Beare off with Choller Sir Gyles.

Wil. But wood you helpe your Lord to a good foole to faine Sir?

Foul. I my good page exceeding faine.

Mench? You meane a wench, do you not Sir, a foolish wench?

Foul. Nay I wood have a man foole, for his Lord, Page.

Wil. Does his Lo. love a foole; so well I pray?

Foul. Assure thy selfe page, my Lord loves a foole, as he loves himselfe.

Ia. Of what degree wood you have your Foole Sir?

for you may have of all manner of degrees.

Foul. Faith, I wood have him a good Emphaticall Foole, one that wood make my Lord laugh well, and I carde no I.

wil. Laugh well (um) then we must know this sir, is your Lord costive of laughter, or laxative of laughter?

Fonl. Nay he is a good merry little Lord, and indeed sometimes Laxative of Laughter.

Wil. Why then sit the lesse wit will serue his Lord-

Ships

thips turne, marry if he had bin costive of laughte he must have had two or three drams of wit the more in his soole, for we must minister according to the quantity of his Lord humor, you know, and if he shood have as much wit in his soole being laxative of laughter, as if he were costive of Laughter, why he might laugh himselfe into an Epilepsie, and sall downedead sodainly, as many have done with the extremity of that passion; and I know your Lord cares for nothing, but, the health of a Foole.

Foul. Thart ith right my notable good page.

In. VVhy, and for that health, sir, we will warrant his Lordship, that if he should have all Bacon de sanitate tuenda read to him, it shood not please his Lordship so well as our Foole shall.

Foul. Remercy my more then English pages.

Goof. A my word I have not seene pages have so much

wit, that have never bin in France Captaine-

Foul. Tis true indeed Sir Gyles, well then my almost french Elixers will you helpe my Lord to a Foole so fit for him as you say.

made for him, and he shall come this night to supper,

and foole where his Lord fits at table.

Foul. Excellent fit, faile not now my sweet pages.

Ia. Not for a world sir, we will goe both and seeke ... him presently.

Foul Doe so my good wagges

Wil. Save you Knights.

Ia. Save you Captaine.

Exeunt.

Foul Farewell my pretty knaves, come Knights, shall we resolve to goe to this Supper?

Rud. V Vhat else?

Goof. And let's provide torches for our men to sit at dore withall, Captaine.

Foul. That we will, I warrent you fir Gyles:

Rud.

Rud. Torches? why the Moone will shine man.

Goof. The Moone sir Cut: I scorne the Moone yfaith, Slydd sometimes a man shall not get her to shine, & if he wood give her a couple of Capons, and one of them must be whit too, God forgive me, I cud never abide her since yesterday, she seru'd me such a tricke tother night.

Rud. VVhy tricke fir Gyles?

Goof. VVhy fir Cat. cause the daies be mortall, and short now you know, and I love daie light well; I thought it went away faster then it needed, and run after it into Finsbury fieldes ith calme evening to see the wind-Mils goe; and even as I was going over a Ditch the Moone by this light of purpose runnes me behind a Cloud, and lets me fall into the Ditch by Heaven.

Rud. That was ill done in her, in deed fir Gyles.

Goof. Ill done fir Cut? Slydd a man may beare, and beare, but, and she have noe more good manners, but to make every blacke flovenly Cloud a pearle in her eye I shall nere love English Moone againe, while I live, Ile be sworne to ye.

Foul. Come Knights to London Horse, Horse,

Horse.

Rud. In what a case he is with the poore English Moone, because the French Moones (their Torches) will be the lesse in fashion, and I warrent you the Captaine will remember it too, tho he say nothing, he seconds his resolute chase so, and follows him, lle lay my life you shall see them the next cold night, shut the Mooneshine out of their Chambers, and make it lie without Doores all night. I discredit my wit with their company, now I thinke on't, plague a god on them; Ile sall a beating on them presently.

Exit.

Enter Lord Momford, and Clarence. Clarence, Horatio.

Cla. Sing good Horatio, while I figh, and write. According to my mafter Platos, minde, The soule is musicke, and doth therefore joy In accents musicalli, which he that hates With points of discord is together tyed, And barkes at Reason, Consonant in sense Divine Eugenia, beares the ocular forme Ofmusicke, and of Reason, and presents The soule exempt from slesh in slesh instam'd; Who must not love her then, that loves his soule? To her I write, my friend, the state of friends Will needs have my strange lines greet her strange eies And for her sake ile power my poore Soule forth In floods of inke but did not his kinde hand Barre me with violent grace, I wood consume. In the white slames of her impassionate love. Ere my harsh lipps shood vent the odorous blaze. For I am desperate of all worldly joyes, And there was never man so harsh to men. When I am fullest of digested life; I seeme a livelesse Embrion to all Each day rackt up in night-like Funerall. Sing good Horatio, whilst I figh, and write.

Canto.

The Letter.

Suffer him to love that suffers not loving, my love is without passion, and therefore free from alteration.

Prose is too harsh, and Verse is Poetry why shood I write, then? merry clad in inke

Sir Gyles Goose-cappe.

I will not writ, our my friend shall speake for me. Sing one stave more my good Horatio.

Canio

I must remember I know whom I love, a dame of learning, and of life exempt from all the idle fancies of her Sex, and this that to an other dame wood seeme perplext, and foulded in a rudelesse vaile will be more cleere then ballads to her eye. He write, but if to satisfie my friend your third sance sweet Horatie, and no more.

Canto.

How vainele doe I offer my strange love? I marry, and bid states, and entertaine Ladies with tales, and jests, and Lords with newes; and keepe a House to feast Asteons hounds that eate their Master, and let idle guests draw me from serious search of things divine? to bid them sit, and welcome; and take care to footh their pallats with choycekitchin-stuff, as all must doe that marry, and keepe House, and then looke on the left fide of my yoake or on the right perhaps, and see my wife Drawe in a quite repugnant course from me busied to starch her French purles, and her puffs, when I am in my Anima reflexa quid est falicitas? que origo verum and make these beings that are knowne to be the onely serious object of true men seeme shadowes, with substantial stir she keeps about her shadowes, which if husbands love They must believe, and thus my other selfe Brings me another body to dispose, That have already much too much of one, And must not looke for any Soule of her

Sir Gyles Goose cappe.

To helpe to rule two bodies.

Mom. Fie for shame.

I never heard of such an antheame.

Des women bring no helpe of soules.

Doe women bring no helpe of soule to men?
Why, friend, they eyther are mens soules themselves,

Or the most witty imitatrixes of them;

Or prettiest sweet apes of humane Soules,

That ever Nature fram'd; as I will prove.

For first they be Substantia lucida, And purer then mens bodies like their soules.

Which mens harsh haires both of their brest, & chinne

Occasioned by their grosse, and ruder heate;

Plainely demonstrats: Then like soules they doe,

Movere corpora, for no power on Earth

Moves a mans body; as a woman does.

Then doe they Dare formas corpori,

Or adde faire formes to men, as their soules doe: Forbut for women, who wood care for formes?

I vow I never wood wash face, nor hands,

Nor care how ragg'd, or slovenly I went,

Wer't not for women, who of all mens pompes

Are the true finall causes: Then they make

Mer in their Seedes immortall, like their soules,

That els wood perish in a spanne of time.

Oh! they be soule-like-creatures, and my Neece

The soule of twenty rare soules stil'd in one.

Cla. That, that it is my Lord, that makes me love.

Mom. Oh are ye come fir, welcome to my Neece,

As I may say, at midnight, gentle friend,

What have you wrot I pray?

Cla. Strange stuffe my Lord-

Mom. Indeed the way to beleeve is to love And the right way to love is to beleeve, This I will carry now with pen, and incke, For her to use in answere, see, sweet friend, She shall not stay to call, but while the steele Of her affection is made soft, and hot, Heeveads, and

He firike, and take occasion by the brow. Blest is the wooing that's not long a dooing. Exita Cla, Had ever man so true, and noble friend? Or wood men thinke this sharpe worlds freezing Aire To all true honour, and judiciall love, Wood suffer such a florishing pyne in both. To overlooke the boxe-trees of this time? When the learn'd minde hath by impulsion wrought Her eyes cleere fire into a knowing flame; No elementall smoke can darken it, Nor Northren coldnesse nippe her Daphneau Flower, O facred friendship thanks to thy kinde power, That being retir'd from all the faithlesse World, Appear'st to me in my unworldly friend, And for thine own fake let his noble minde, By moving presedent to all his kinde, (Like just Dencalson) of Earths stony bones Repaire the World, with humaine bloud, and flesh, And dying vertue with new life refresh. Exit.

ACTVS QVARTVS.

Enter Tales, Kingcob, Eugenia; Hippolyta, Penelope, Winnifred.

King. Tis time to leave your Chests, Ladies, tis too studious an exercise after Dinner.

Ta. Why is it cal'd Chests?

Hip. Because they leane upon their Chests that play at it.

Tal. I wood have it cald the strife of wits, for tisa game so witty, that with strife for maistery, we hunt it eagerly.

Eng. Specially where the wit of the Goose-cappes are

in chase my Lord.

Tal. I am a Goose-cappe by the mothers side, Madam,

at least my mother was a Goose-cappe.

Pene. And you were her white sonne, I warrant my

Lord.

Tal. I was the youngest, Lady, and therefore must bee her white some, yee know, the youngest of ten I was.

Hip. And the wisest of Fisteene.

upon my Cosin, Sir Gyles. Goose-cappe.

Pene. Pardon my Lord, I have never a spare eye to

cast away I assure ye:

Tai. I wonder you shood count it cast away, Lady, upon him, doe you remember those few of his good

parts I rehearst to you?

Pene. Very perfectly my Lotd, amongst which one of them was, that he is the best Sempster of any woman in England, pray lets see some of his worke?

Hip. Sweet Lord lets see him sowe a little.

Tal. You shall, a mine honour, Lady.

Eug. Hees a goodly great Knight indeed; and a little needle in his hand will be come him prettely.

King. From the Spanish Pike to the Spanish Needle,

he shall play with any Knight in England Lady.

Eng. But not e converso; from the Spanish needle to

the Spanish Pike.

King. I thinke he be too wise for that indeed Madam. for he has 20. Miles length in land lies together, and he wood bee loath to bring it all to the length of a Pike.

2 Hip. But no man commends my blunt Servant fir

Cut. Rudesby methinks

King. Hee is a kinde Gentleman, Lady, though he be blunt, and is of this humour, the more you pre-fume upon him without Ceremonie, the more hee loves you, if he know you thinke him kinde once, and will say nothing but still use him, you may melt him into any kindresse you will; he is right like a wo-

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man,

man, and had rather, you shood bluntlie take the greatest favour you can of him, then shamefaltly intreat it.

Eng. He saies well to you Hippolyta.

Hip. I Madam, but they say, he will beate one in jest, and byte in kindenesse, and teare ones russes in Courtship.

King. Some that he makes sport withall perhaps, but

none that he respects, I assure year and am

Hip. And what's his living fir Catherd? King. Some two thousand a yeere Lady.

Hip. I pray doenot tell him that I ask't, for I stand not upon living.

King. O good Lady, who can live without living?

Enter Momford

Mom. Still heere Lordings? good companions yfaith, I see you come not for vittles.

Tal Vittles, my Lord ? I hope wee have vittles at

home:

Polititians physicke, Eat not your meat upon other menstrenchers, & beware of surfets of your owne coste: manie good companions cannot abide to eate meate at home, ye know. And how faires my noble Neece now, and her faire Lady Feeres?

Eng. What winde, blowes you hether troe?

Mem: Harke you Madam, the sweet gale of one. Clarences breath, with this his paper sayle blowes me hether.

Eug. Aye me still, in that humour? bestrewe my heart, if I take any Papers from him.

Mom. Kindebosome doe thou take it then

Eng. Nay then never trust me.

Mom. Let it fall then, or cast it away, you were best that every body may discover your love suites, doe;

Sir Gyles Goofe-cappe.

theres somebody neare, if you note it, and how have you spent the time since Dinner nobles?

Mom. Read it Neece. 331 7 11 11

Eng. Here beare it backe, I pray:

Mom. I beare you on my backe to heare you; & how play the Ladies fir Cuthberd, what men doe they play best withall, with Knights or rookes?

Tal. With Knights my Lord.

Mom. Tis pitty their boord is no broader, and that some men called guls are not added to their game.

King. Why my Lo?it needs not, they make the

Knights guls.

know Neece, forth I command you.

Eug. O yare a sweet uncle.

Mom. Thave brought here a little Greek, to helpe mee out withall, and shees so coy of her learning forsooth, she makes it strange: Lords, and Ladies I invite you all to supper to night, and you shall not deny me.

All. We will attend your Lordship.

Tal. Come Ladies let's into the gallery a little.

Exeunt.

Mom. And now what saies mine owne deere Neece yfaith?

Eug. What shood shellay to the backside of a pa-

per ?

Mom. Come, come, I know you have bin a'the bel-

ly side.

Eug. Now was there ever Lord to prodigall of his owne honour'd bloud, and dignity?

Mom. Away with these same horse faire allegations;

will you answer the letter?...

Eug. Gods my life, you goe like a cunning spokesman, answer uncle; what doe you thinke me desperate of a husband?

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Sir Giles Goose-cappe.

Mom. Not so Neece, but carelesse of your poore Vncle.

Eug. I will not writ that's certaine.

Mom. What will you have my friend, and I perish?

doe you thirst our blouds?

Eng. O yare in a mighty danger, noe doubt on't.

Mom. If you have our blouds, beware our ghosts, I can tell ye, come will ye write?

Eug. I will not write yfaith.

Mom. yFaith dame, then I must be your secretary, I see, heres the letter, come, doe you dictate, and ile write.

Eug. If you write no otherwise then I dictate, it will scarce prove a kinde answer, I beleeve:

Mom. But you will be advised, I trust. Secretaries are of counsell with their Countesses, thus it begins. Suffer him to love, that suffers not loving, what answere you to that?

Eng. He loves extreamely that suffers not in love.

Mom. He answers you for that presently, his love is without passion, and therefore free from alteration, for Pati you know is in alterationem labi; he loves you in his soule, he tels you, wherein there is no passion, saie dame what answer you?

Eug. Nay if I answere any thing. o

Mom. Why? very well, ile answere for you.

Eug. You answere? shall I set my hand to your answere?

Mom. I by my faith shall ye.

- Eng. By my faith, but you shall answere as I wood have you then.

Mom. Alwaies put in with advice of your secretary,

Neece, come, what answere you?

Eng. Since you needes will have my Answere, Ile answere briefely to the first, and last part of his letter.

Mom. Doe so Neece, and leave the midst for him-selfe a gods name: what is your answeare?

Eng. I cannot but suffer you to love, if you doe love.

Hewrites and

The distates.

Mom: Why very good, there it is, and will requite your love; say you so?

Eng. Beshrow my lipps then my Lord.

You may promise to requite his love, and yet not promise him marriage, I hope; well, and will requite your love.

Eug. Nay good my Lord, hold your hand, for ile be

sworne, ile not set my hand too't.

Mom Wellhold off your hand good Madam, till it shood come on, He be ready for it anon, I warrent ye: now forth; my love is without passion, and therefore free from alteration, what answere you to that Madam?

Eug. Even this my Lord, your love being mentall,

needs no bodily Requitall.

Mom. I am content with that, and here it is; but in hart.

Eng. What but in hart?

Mom. Hold off your hand yet I say, I doe embrace, and repay it.

Eug. You may write uncle, but if you get my hand

to it.

Mom. Alas Necce, this is nothing, ist any thing to a bodily marriage, to say you love a man in soule, if your harts agree, and yout bodies meet not? simple-marriage rites, now let us foorth: he is in the way to felicity, and desires your hand.

Eng. My hand shall alwaies signe the way to felicity.

Conclude now sweet Neece.

Eng. And so God prosper your journey.

Mom. Charitably concluded, though farre short of that love I wood have showen to any friend of yours,

Sir Gyles Goose-cappe.

Neece, I sweare to you, your hand now, and let this little stay his appetire.

Eng. Read what you have writ my Lord.

Mom. What needs that Madam? you remember it, I am sure.

Eug., Well if it want sense in the Composition, let my secretary be blam'd for't, there my hand.

Mom. Thanks gentle Neece, now ile reade it. Eug. Why now, more then before I pray?

Mom. That you shall see straite, I cannot but suffer you to love if you doe love, and will requite your love.

Eug. Remember that requitall was of your owne putting in, but it shall be after my fashion, I warrant ye.

Mom. Interrupt me no more, your love being mentall needs no bodily requitall, but in hart I embrace, and repay it; my hand shall alwaies signe the way to selicity, and my selfe knit with you in the bands of marriage ever walke with you, in it, and so God prosper our journey:

Eugenia.

Eug. Gods me life, tis not thus I hope.

Mom, By my life but it is Neece.

Eug. By my life but its none of my deed then.

Mom. Doe you use to set your hand to that, which is not your deed, your hand is at it Neece, and if there be any law in England, you shall performe it too.

Eug. Why? this is plaine dishonoured deceit.

Does all your truest kindnes end in law?

Mom. Have patience Neece, for what so ere I say, Onely the lawes of saith, and thy free love Shall joyne my friend, and thee, or mught at all. By my sriends love, and by this kisse it shall.

Eng. Why, thus did falle Acontinu snare Cydippe.

Mom. Indeed deere love his wile was something like,
And then tis no unheard of treachery.

That was enacted in a goddesse Eye:

Acontinu worthy love scard not Diana

Sir Gyles Goofe cappe.

Before whom he contriv'd this sweet deceite.

Eug. Well there you have my hand, but ile besworne

I never did thing so against my will-

And to allay the billows of your bloud,

Priced with my motion hold and connectes

Raif'd with my motion bold, and opposite,

Deere Neece suppe with me, and refresh your spirites:

I have invited your companions,

With the two guests that din d with you to day,

And will send for the old Lord Furnifall,

The Captaine, and his mates, and (thoat night)

We will be merry as the morning Larke.

Eug. No, no my Lord, you will have Clarence there.

Olom. Alas poore Gentleman, I must tell you now,
He's extreame sicke, and was so when he writ,
The hadid shares me nor to tell you so.

Tho he did charge me not to tell you so; And for the World he cannot come abroad.

Eng. Is this the man that without passion loves?

Mom. I doe not sell you he is sicke with love;

Or if he be, tis wilfull passion.

Which he doth choose to suffer for your sake,
And cood restraine his sufferance with a thought,
Vpon my life, he will not trouble you;
And therefore, worthy Neece, faile not to come.

Eug. I will on that condition.

Mom. Tis perform'd: for were my friend well, and cood comfort me; I wood not now intreate your company, but one of you I must have, or I die, oh such a friend is worth a monarchy.

Exeunt.

Enter Lord Furnifall. Rudsby. Goosecappe. Foulemeather. Bullaker.

Fur. Nay my gallants I will tell you more.

All. Forth good my Lord.

Fur. The evening came, and then our waxen starres
Sparkled about the heavenly Court of France.
When I then young, and radiant as the sunne

Gave

My golden foretope stept into the presence,
Where set with other princely Dames I found
The Countesse of Lancalier, and her neece,
Who as I told you cast so fix dan eye
On my behaviours talking with the King.

All. True my good Lord.

Fur. They rose when I came in, and all the lights Burn'd dim for shame, when I stood up, and shin'd.

Foul. O most passionate description sir Cut.

Rud. True of a candles end.

Goof. The passingst description of a candle, that ever

lived fir Cut.

Fur. Yet aym'd I not at them, nor seem'd to note What grace they did me, but found courtly cause To take with an accomplish gentleman Newcome from Italy, inquest of newes I spake Italian with him.

Rud. What so young?

Fur O rarissime volce cadino nel parlar nostro familiare.

Foul Slid a cood ipeake it, Knight, at three yeeres old.

Fur. Nay, gentle Captaine, doe not set me forth;

Hove it not, in truth I love it not.

Foul. Slight, my Lo but truth is truth, you know.

Goof l dare ensure your Lordsnip, Truth is truth, and I have heat din France, they speake French as well, as

their mother tongue, my Los

But (as I tell you) learn'd not to note
The Ladies notes of me but held my talke,
With that Italionate renchman, and tooke time
(Still as our conference lerv'd) to shew my Courtship
In the three quarter legge, and setted looke,
The quicke kisse of the top of the foresinger,
And other such exploytes of good Accost;
All which the ladies tooke into their eyes
With such attention, that their favours swarm'd

Sir Gyles Goose-cappe:

About my bosome, in my hart, mine eares,
In skarsfes about my thighes, upon mine armes
Thicke on my wristes, and thicker on my hands,
And still the lesse I sought, the more I found.
All this I tell to this notorious end,
That you may use your Courtship with lesse care
To your coy mistresses; As when we strike
A goodly Sammon, with a little line,
We doe not tugge to hale her up by force,
For then our line wood breake, and our hooke loss;
But let her carelesse play alongst the streame,
As you had less ther, and sheele drowne her selfe.

Foul. A my life a most rich comparison.

Goof. Never stirre, if it be not a richer Caparison, then my Lo my Cosin wore at Tilt for that was brodred with nothing but moone-shine it'h the water, and this has Sammons in't; by heaven a most edible Caparison.

Ru. Odious thou woodst say, for coparisons are odious.

Foul. So they are indeed fir Cut. all but my Lords.

Goos. Be Caparisons odious fir Cut? what like flowers?

Rud. O affe they be odorous.

Goos. A botts athat stincking word odorous, I can never hitt on't.

Fur. And how like you my Court-counsell gallants, ha?

Foul. Out of all proportion excellent, my Lord; & beleeve it for Emphaticall Courtship, your Lordship puts
downeall the Lords of the Court.

Fur. No good Captaine no.

Foal. By France you doe, my Lord, for Emphaticall Courtship.

Fur. For Emphaticall Courtship indeed I can doe

somewhat.

Foul. Then does your merry entertainment become you so festifally, that you have all the bravery of a saint Georges Day about ye, when you use it.

Fur. Nay thats too much, in sadnesse, Captaine.

Goos O good my Lo. let him prayse you, what so ere

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it costs your Lordship.

e Foul. I adure your Lordship, your merry behaviour does so festifally show upon you, that every high holliday, when Ladies wood be most beautifull; every one wishes to God she were turnd into such a little Lord as you, when y'are merry.

Goof. By this fire they doe my Lord, I have heard am.

Fur. Marry cod torbid, Knight, they shood be turnd into me; I had rather be turnd into them, a mine honour.

Foul. Then for your Lordships quips. & quicke jests, why

Gesta Romanorum were nothing to them; a my vertue.

Fur. Well, well, I will heare thee no more, I will heare thee no more, good Captaine, Tha's an excellent wit, and thou shalt have Crownes, amine honour, and now Knights, and Captaine, the foole you told me off, do you all know him?

Goof: I know him best my Lord.

Eur. Doe you fir Gyles, to him then good Knight, and be here with him, and here, and here, and here againe; I meane paint him unto its fir Gyles, paint him lively, lively now, my good Knightly boy.

Goof. Why my good Lord? he will nere be long from

us, because we are all mortall you know.

Fur, Very true.

Supper together:

Rud. Dinner and suppertogether, when s that troe?

Good. A wellcome you in amongst us, with his Cloake buttond, loose under his chine

Rud Buttond Ico e, my Lord?

God I my Lord, buttond look still, and both the slaps cast over before both his shoulders afore him.

Rua, Both shoulders, aforehim?

Eur. From before him he meanes; forth good sir Gyles.

Rud. Much like a Potentate indeed.

Goof. For all the world like a Potentate, S. Cut. ye know.

Red.

Sir Gyles Goofe cappe.

Rud. So Sir.

Goof. All his beard nothing but haire.

Cud. Or something else.

Geof. Or something else as you say.

Foul. Excellent good.

waies in an uncleane hand-kerchiffe, very cleanely, I warrant you, my Lord.

Fur. A good neate foole, fir Gyles, of mine honour.

Goose. Then his fine words that he sets them in, concaticall, a fine Annisseede wench foole upon ticket, and so forth.

Fur. Passing strange words beleeve me.

Goof. Knoth every man at the table, though he never faw him before, by fight, and then will he foole you so finely my Lord, that he will make your hart ake, till your eyes runne over.

Fur. The best that eyer I heard, gray mercy good Knight for thy merry description. Captaine, I give thee twenty companies of commendations, never to be

cathierd.

Enter Jacke, and Will on the other side.

Am. Save your Lordship

Fur. My pretty cast-of Merlins, what prophecies with your little masterships?

Ia. Things that cannot come to passe my Lord, the

worse our fortunes.

Foul. Why, whats the matter Pages ?

Rud. How now my Ladies foyfling hounds.

Goof. M. lacke, M. la. how do ye M. Wiksam? frolicke?

Wil Not so frosteke, as you left us, sir Gyles.

Fur, Why wags, what news bring you a Gods name?

Ia. Heavy newes indeed, my Lord, pray parden us.

Fur. Heavy newes? not possible your little bodies cood bring am then, unload those your heavy newes, I beseech ye?

is thought too wife for you, and we dare not present him.

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Goof

Goof. Slydd Pages, youle not cheates of our foole?

will ye?

In. Why fir Gyles? hees too dogged, and bitter for you in truth; we shall bring you a foole to make you laugh, and he shall make all the World laugh at us.

Wil. Lindeed fir Gyfes, and he knowes you so well too.

Gyles Know me? slight he knowes me no more then the begger knowes his dish.

la. Faithhebegs you to be content fir Gyles, for he wil

not come end belos

Goof. Beg me ? flight I wood I had knownethat, tother Day, I thought I had met him in Paules, and he had bin any body else but a Piller, I wood have runne him through by heaven: beg me?

Fonl. He begges you to be content, sir Gyles, that is,

he praies you.

Goof. O does he praise me then I commend him.

Far. Let this unsutable soole goe sir Gyles, we will make shift without him.

Goof. That we will, a my word, my Lord, and have him

too for all this.

Wil. Doe not you say so, sir Gyles, for to tell you true that soole is dead.

Goof. Dead? slight that can not be man, I know he wood ha writ to me ant had binso.

Fur. Quicke or dead, let him goe, sir Gyles.

Ia. I my Lord, for we have better newes for you to harken after.

Fur. VVhat are they my good Novations?

Ia. My Lord Momford intreates your Lordship, and these Knights, & Captaine to accompany the Countesse Eugenia, and the other two Ladies, at his house at supper to night.

Wil. All desiring your Lo. to pardon them, for not

eating your meat to night.

Fur. V Vithall my hart wagges, and thers amends; my harts, now set your Courtship a'the last, a the tain-ters, and pricke up your selves for the Ladies.

Goof.

Goof. O brave fit Cut.come lets pricke up the Ladies, Fur. And will not the Knights two noble kinsemen be there?

Ia. Both will be there, my Lord.

Fur. VVhy theres the whole knot of us then, and there shall we knocke up the whole triplicity of your nuptials.

Goof He make my Lord my Cosin speake for me. Foul. And your Lordship will be for me Thope.

Fur. VVith tooth, and naile Captaine, A my Lordship.

Rud. Hang am Tytts, ile pommell my selse into

am.

la. Your Lo. your Cosin sir Gyles has promist the Ladies they shall tee you sowe.

Goof. Cods me, wood I might never be mortall, if I

doe not earry my worke with me-

Fur. Doe so sir Gyles, and withall use meanes. To taint their high blouds with the shaft of love, Sometimes a singers motion wounds their mindes: A jest, a jesture, or a pretty laugh:

A voyce, a present, ah, things done ith nicke

VVound deepe, and lure, and let flie your gold; And we shall nuptialls have hold belly hold.

hold belly hold? Exeunt.

1a.O pittifull Knight, that knowes not nuptialls from nut-shells!

Wil. And now Comme porte vous monsieur!

Bul. Porte bien, vous remercy.

Ia. VVe may see it indeed, Sir, and you shall goe afore with us.

Bul. No good monsieurs.

Wil. Another Crash in my Ladies Celler yfaith, mon-feur.

Bul. Remercy de bon ceur monsieurs.

Exeunt.

Sir Gyles Goose-cappe.

Enter Clarence, Momford. (beames Mom. How now my friend, does not the knowing, That through thy common sense glaunce through thy To reade that letter, through thine eyes retire (eyes, And warme thy heart with a triumphant fire?

Mom. My Lord I feele a treble happines
Mix in one loule, which proves how eminent
Things endlesse are above things temporall,
That are imbodies need fully confined;
I cannot suffer their dimensions pierc't,
Where my immortall part admits expansure,
Even to the comprehension of two more

ClasAs thus, my Lord, I feele my owne minds joy,

As it is separate from all other powers,
And then the mixture of an other soule
Ioyn'd in direction to one end, like it;
And thirdly the contentment I enjoy,
As we are joyn'd, that I shall worke that good
In such a noble spirit as your Necee,
Which in my selfe I feele for absolute;
Each good minde doubles his owne free content,

When in an others use they give it vent.

Then that which show presents to thy conceits,
In working thee a wife worse then she seemes;
Ile tell thee plane a secret which I know.
My Neece doth use to paint herselfe with white,
Whose cheekes are naturally mixt with redd,
Either because she thinks pale-lookes moves most.
Or of an answereable nice affect
To other of her modest qualities;
Because she wood not with the outward blaze
Of tempting beauty tangle wan on cies;
And so be troubled with their tromperies:

VVhich

Sir Gyles Goofe cappe.

Which construe as thou wilt, I make it knowne.

That thy free comment may examine it,

As willinger to tell truth of my Neece,

Then in the least degree to wrong my friend.

Cla. A jealous part of friendship you unfold:

For was it ever seene that any Dame
Wood change of choice a well mixt white, and red
For bloodles palenes, if she striv d to move?
Her painting then is to shun motion,
But if she mended some defects with it,
Breedes it more hate then other ornaments;
(Which to suplie bare nature) Ladies weare?
What an absurd thing is it to suppose;
(If nature made us eyther same or sicke,)
VVe wood not seeke for sound simmes, or for health
By Art the Rector of consuled Nature?
So in a face, if Nature be made same,
Then Art can make it, is it more offence.
To helpe her want there then in other simmes?
VVho can give instance where Dames faces soft.

The priviledge their other parts may boast.

Mom. But our most Court received Poets saies,

That painting is pure chastities abator.

Cla. That was to make up a poorerime to Nature. And farre from any judgment it confer'd For lightnes comes from harts, and not from lookes, And if inchassity possesse the hart;
Not painting doth not race it, nor being cleare Doth painting spot it,
Omne bonum naturaliter pulchrum.

For outward sairenes beares the Divine sorme,
And moves beholders to the Act of love;
And that which moves to love is to be wisht,

A lawfull, and a commendable grace.

Mom. V Vhat paradox dost thou defend in this?

And each thing simply to be wisht is good.

So I conclude mere painting of the face

And

Sir Gyles Goose-cappe.

And yet through thy cleare arguments I see Thy speach is farre exempt from flattery, And how illiterate custome grofly erres? Almost in all traditions she preferres in that said are suff Since then the doubt I put thee of my Neece, Checks not thy doubtlesse love forth my deare friend. And to all force to those impressions, That now have caru'd her phantage with love; I have invited her to supper here and the continue of And told her thou art most extreamly sicke. Which thou shalt counterfeit with all thy skill. Cla. Which is exceeding small to conterfeit Mom. Practise a little, love will teach it thee, And then shall Doctor Verlay the physician, Come to thee while her selfe is in my house. Whith whom as thou confer'st of thy disease, He bring my Neece with all the Lords, and Ladies. Within your hearing under fain'd pretext, To shew the Pictures that hang necrethy Chamber, Where when thou hearst my voyce, know she is there. And therefore speake that which may stir her thoughts, And make her flie into thy opened armes-Ladies, whom true worth cannot move to ruth, Trew lovers must deceive to shew their truth, Exeunt.

add?

Finis Actus Quarti.

ACTVS QVIN.TI SCENA PRIMA.

Enter Momford, Furnifall, Tales, Kingcob, Rudesby; Goose-cappe, Poulmeather, Eugenia, Hippolyta, Penelope, Winnifred.

Mom. V Vhere is sir Gyles Goose-cappe here?
Goos. Here my Lord.

Mom. Come forward Knight t'is you that the Ladies admire at working a mine honour.

Goof+

Sir Gyles Goose cappe.

Goof. A little at once my Lord for idlenesse

Fur. Sir Cut. I say, to her Captaine.

Penel. Come good servant let's see what you

worke.

Goof. Why looke you Mistris, I am makeing a fine dry sea, full of fish, playing in the bottome, and here ile let in the water so lively that you shall heare it Rore.

Eng. Not heare it fir Gyles?

Goof. Yes in sooth Madam with your eyes.

Tal. I Lady; for when a thing is done so exceedingly to the life, as my Knightly cosen does it, the eye
oftentimes takes so strong a heede of it, that it cannot
containe it alone, and therefore the care scemes to take
part with it.

Hip. That's a very good reason my Lord.

Mom. What a jest it is, to heare how seriously he strives to make his soolish kinsmans answeres wise ones?

Pene. VVhat shall this be servant?

Goof. This shall be a great VV hale Mistris, at all his bignesse spouting huge Hils of salt-water afore him, like a little water squirt, but you shall not neede to seare him Mistris, for he shalbe silke, and gould, he shall doe you noe harme, and he be neere so lively:

Pene. Thanke you good servant.

Tal. Doe not thinke Lady, but he had neede tell you this a forehand: for a mine honour, he wrought me the monster Caucasus so lively, that at the first sight I started at it.

Mom. The monster Cancasus? my Lord, Caucasus is a Mountaine; Cacus you meane.

Tal. Cacus indeede my Lord, crie you mer-

cic.

Goos. Heere ile take out your eye, and you will Mistris.

Pene. No by my faith Servant, t'is better in

Goof

Goof. Why Ladie, He but take it out in jest, in earnest.

Pene. No, something elie there good servant.

Goof: Why then here shall be a Camell, and he shall have hornes, and he shall looke for all the VV orld like a maide without a husband.

Hip. O bitter sir Gyles.

Ta. Nay he has a drie wit, Lady, I can tell ye.

Pene. He bobd me there indeed my Lord.

Fur. Marry him sweet Lady, to answere his bitter

King. So she may answere him with hornes indeed.

Eug. See what a pretty worke he weares in his bootehofe: what was I, single is the

Hip. Did you worke them your selfe sir Gyles, or buy them?

change. The bought am for nothing Madam in thex-

Eug. Bought am for nothing?

Tal. Indeed Madam in th'exchange they so honour him for his worke, that they will take nothing for any thing he buies on am but wheres the rich night-cap you wroght cosen? if it had not bin too little for you it was the belt pecce of works, that ever I sawe.

Goof. Why my Lord, t'was bigge enough; when I

wrought it, for I wore pantables then you know.

Tal. Indeed the warmer a man keepes his feete the tesse he needs weare upon his head.

Eng. You speake for your kinsman the best that ever

Theard my Lord.

2 Goof. But I beleeve Madam, my Lord my cosen has not told you all my good parts.

- Ta. I told him so I warrant you cosen.

VVhat doe you thinke hee left out Sir Gyles ?!

Goof. Marry Madam I can take Tobacco now, and I have bought glow-wormes to kindle it withall, better then then all the burning glasses ith V.Vorld.

Eug. Glowe-wormes, sir Gyles? will they make it

burne ?

Goos. O good Madam, I seed am with nothing but fire, a purpose, He besworne they eat me five Faggots awecke in Charcoale.

Tal. Nay he has the strangest devices, Ladies, that ever

you heard, I warrent ye.

Fur. That's a strange device indeed, my Lord.

Hip. But your sowing sir Gyles is a most gentlewo

man-like quality, I assure you.

Pene. O farre away, for now servant, you neede never marry, you are both husband, and wife your selfe.

Goof. Nay indeed mistris, I wood faine many for all

that, and ile tell you my reason, if you will.

Pene. Let's here it good servant.

Goof. Why, Madam, we have a great match at football towards, married men against batchellers, and the married men be all my friends, so I wood faine marry to take the married mens parts in truth.

Hip. The best reason for marriage that ever I heard

fir Gyles.

Goof. I pray will you keepe my worke a little Mistris; I must needs straine a little courtesse in truth-

Exit Sir Gyles. Hip. Cods my life I thought he was a little to blame.

Rud. Come, come, you here not me Dame.

Fur. Well said sir Cut. to her now; we shall heare fresh

courting.

Hip. Alas sir Cut, you are not worth the hearing, every body saies you cannot love, howsoever you talke on't.

. Rud. Not love Dame? flidd what argument woodst have of my love tro? let me looke as redde as Scarlet a fore I fee thee, and when thou comst in fight if the sunne of thy beauty, doe not white me like a shippards holland, I am a Iewe to my Creatour.

Hip.

Hip. O excellent!

Rud. Let me burst like a Tode, if a frowne of thy browe has not turned the very heart in my belly, and made me ready to be hangd by the heeles for a fortnight to bring it to the right againe.

Hip. You shood have hangd longer sir Cut : tis not

right yet-

Rud. Zonnes, bid me cut off the best lymme of my body for thy love, and ile lait in thy hand to prove it, doost thinke I am no Christian, have I not a soule to save?

Hip. Yes tis to lave yet I warrant it, and wilbe while

tis a soule if you use this.

Faz-Excellent Courtship of all hands, only my Captaines Courtship, is not heard yet good Madam give him favour to court you with his voyce.

Eug. VVhat shood he Court me with all else my Lord?

Mom. VVhy, I hope Madam there be other things to

Court Ladies withall besides voyces.

Fur. I meane with an audible sweete song Madam.

Eng. VVith all my heart my Lord, if I shall be so much indebted to him.

Foul. Nay I will be indebted to your eares Lady for.

hearing me found musicke.

Fur. VVell done Captaine, prove as it will now.

Enter Messenger.

Me. My Lord, Doctor Versay the Physician is come to see master Clarence.

Olom. Light, and attend him to him presently. Fur. To Master Clarence? what is your friend sicke? Mom. Exceeding sicke.

Tal. I am exceeding forry.

King. Never was sorrow worthier bestowed, Then for the ill state of so good a man

Pene. Alas poore Gentleman; good my Lord lets

fee him-

Mom. Thankes gentle Lady, but my friend is loth

To trouble Ladies since he cannot quit them.
Vith any thing he hath that they respect.

Hip. Respect my Lord; I wood hold such a man

In more respect then any Emperour:

For he cood make me Empresse of my selfe.

And in mine owne rule comprehend the WVorld.

Mom. How now young Dame? what sodainly inspired?

This speech hath silver haires, and reverence askes,

And sooner shall have duty done of me,

Then any pompe in temporall Empery.

Hip. Good Madam get my Lord to let us greet him.

Eng. Alas we shall but wrong, and trouble him.

His contemplations greet him with most welcome.

Fur. I never knew a man of so sweet a temper,

So soft, and humble, of so high a Spirit.

Mom. Alas my noble Lord he is not rich;
Nor titles hath, nor in his tender cheekes
The standing lake of Impudence corrupts,
Hath nought in all the VV orld, nor nought wood have,
To grace him in the prostituted light.
But if a man wood consort with a soule
VV here all mans Sea of gall, and bitternes
Is quite evaporate with her holy slames,
And in whose powers a Dove-like innocence
Fosters her own deserts, and life, and death,
Runnes hand in hand before them: All the Skies
Cleere, and transparent to her piercing eyes,
Then wood my friend be something, but till then.
A Cipher, nothing, or the worst of men.

Foul. Sweet Lord lets goe visit him.

Goof Pray good my Lord what's that you talke on?

Mom. Are you come from your necessary busines Sir

Gyles? we talke of the visiting of my sicke friend Clarence.

Goof: O good my Lord lets visite him, cause I know

his brother.

Hip. Know his brother; nay then Count doe

TCI

not deny him.

Goof. Pray my Lord whether was eldest, he or his elder brother?

Mone. O! the younger brother eldest, while you live

fir Gyles. in a main the main and a such side.

Goof. Islay so still my Lord, but I am so borne downe with truth, as never any Knight ith world was I thinke.

Ta. A man wood thinke he speakes simply now; but indeed it is in the will of the parents, to make which child they will youngest, or eldest .: For often we see the youngest inherite, wherein he is eldest. Local and

Eug. Your logicall wit my Lord is able to make any

thing good ..., the contract of the succession o

Mom. V Vell come sweet Lords & Ladies, let us spend The time till supper-time with some such fights, As my poore house is furnished withall, Pictures, and jewels; of which implements, It may be I have some will please you much.

Goof. Sweet Lord lets see them. Exeunt.

Enter Clarence, and Doctor.

who voresto Do. I thinke your disease sir, be rather of the minde then the body.

Cla. Be there diseases of the minde Doctor?

Do. No question sir, even as there be of the body.

Cla. And cures for them too?

Do. And cures for them too, but not by Physicke.

Cla. You will have their diseases, griefes? will you not? Do.Yes, oftentimes.

Cla. And doe not griefes ever rise out of passions?

Do. Evermore. Cla. And doe not passions proceed from corporall the second secon distempers?

Do. Not the passions of the minde for the minde ma-

ny times is sicke, when the body is healthfull.

Cla. But is not the mindes-ficknes of power to make the body ficke?

Do. In time, certaine.

Cla. And the bodies ill affections able to infect the Do. No question. (minde?

Cla. Then if there be such a naturall commerce of Powers betwixt them, that the ill estate of the one offends the other, why shood not the medicines for one cure the other?

Do.Yet it will not you see. Hei mibi quod nullis amor est

medicabilis herbis.

Cla. Nay then Dollor, since you cannot make any reasonable Consexion of these two contrarieties the minde, and the body, making both subject to passion, wherein you confound the substances of both, I must tell you there is no disease of the minde but one, and that is Ignorance.

Do. Why what is love? is not that a disease of the

minde?

Cla. Nothing so: for it springs naturally out of the bloud, nor are we subject to any disease, or sorrow, whose causes or effects simply, and natively concerne the body, that the minde by any meanes partaketh, nor are there any passions in the soule, for where there are no affections, there are no passions: And Affectus your Master Galen refers partitivascenti, For illic est anima sentiens ubi sum affectus: Therefore the Rationals Soule cannot be there also.

Do. But you know we use to say, my minde gives me this or that, even in those addictions that concerne the

body.

Cla. We use to say so indeed, and from that use comes the abuse of all knowledge, and her practice, for when the object in question only concerns the state of the body; why shood the soule be sorry or glad for it? if she willingly mixe her selfe, then she is a loole, if of necessity, and against her will. A slave, and so, far from that wildome, and free dome that the Empresse of Reason, and an eternal Substance shood comprehend.

Do Divinely spoken Sir, but very Paradoxically.

Enter Momford, Tales, Kingcob, Furnifall, Rudesby, Goos. Foul. Eugenia, Penelope, Hippolyta, Winnifred.

Mom. VVho's there?

I, my Lord.

Mom Bring hether the Key of the gallery, methought I heard the Doctor, and my friend.

Fur. I did so sure.

Mom. Peace then a while my Lord We will be bold to eveldroppe; For I know My friend is as respective in his Chamber And by himselse, of any thing he does As in a Criticke Synods curious eyes Following therein Pythagoras golden rule.

Maxime omnium teipsum reverere.

Cla. Know you the Countesse Eugenia sir?

Do. Exceeding well sir, she's a good learned scholler.

Cla. Then I perceive you know her well indeed.

Do. Me thinks you two shood use much conference.

Cla. Alas sir, we doe very seldome meet,
For her estate, and mine are so unequall,
And then her knowledge passeth mine so sarre,
That I hold much too sacred a respect,
of hir high vertues to let mine attend them.

De. Pardon me Sir, this humblenes cannot flow

Out of your judgment but from passion.

Cla. Indeed I doe account that passion,
The very high perfection of my minde,
That is excited by her excellence,
And therefore willingly, and gladly feele it.
For what was spoken of the most chast Queene
Of rich Passaca may be said of her.

Moribus Antevenit sortem virtibus Annos,

Sexum animo, morum Nobilitate Cenus.

Do. A most excellent Disticked

Mom Come Lords away lets not presume too much Of a good nature not for all I have V Vood I have him take knowledge of the wrong

I rudely offerhim: come then ile shew A few rare jewels to your honour'd eyes; And then present you with a common supper.

Goof · Iewells my Lord, why is not this candle ficke

one of your jewells pray?

Mom. Yes marry is it, sir Gyles, if you will.

Geof. Tis a most fine candlesticke in truth, it wants

nothing but the languages.

Pene. The languages servant, why the languages?

Goof: Why Mistris; there was a lattin candlesticke here

afore, and that had the languages I am sure.

Tal. I thought he had a reason for it Lady.

Pene. I, and a reason of the Sunne too my Lord, for his father wood have bin ashamed on't.

Exeunt.

Do. Well master Clarence I perceive your minde Hath so incorparate it selfe with slesh And therein rarified that flesh to spirit, That you have need of no Physitians helpe. But good Sir even for holy vertues health And grace of perfect knowledge, doe not make Those ground-workes of eternity, you lay Meanes to your ruine, and short being here: For the too strict, and rationall Course you hold Will eate your body up; and then the World, Or that small poynt of it, where vertue lives Will suffer Diminution: It is now Brought almost to a simple unity. Which is (as you well know) Simplicior puncto. And if that point faile once, why, then alas The unity must onely be supposed. Let it not faile then, most men else have sold it; Tho you neglect your selfe, uphold it,

So with my reverend love I leave you sir.

Cla. Thanks worthy Doctour, I do amply quite you I prop poore vertue, that am propt my selfe,

And only by one friend in all the World,

For vertues onely sake I use this wile,

Which

Which otherwise I wood despise, and scorne,
The World should sinke, and all the pompe she hugs
Close in her hart, in her ambitious gripe,
Ere I sustaine it, if this stendsest joynt
Mou'd with the worth that worldlings love so well
Had power to save it from the throate of hell.

He drawes the Curtaines, and sits within them.

Enter; Eugenia, Penelope, Hippolyta.

Eug. Come on faire Ladies I must make you both
Familiar witnesses of the most strange part
And full of impudence, that ere I plaide.

Hip. What's that good Madam?

Eng. I that have bene so more then maiden-nice. To my decre Lord, and uncle not to yeeld By his importunate suite to his friends love.

In looke, or almost thought; will of my selfe.

Farre past his expectation or his hope.

In action, and in person greete his friend;

And comfort the poore gentlemans sicke state.

Pene. Is this a part of so much impudence?

Eng. No but I feare me it will stretch to more.

Hip. Marry Madam the more the merrier.

Eug. Marry Madam? what shood I marry him?

Hip You take the word me thinkes as tho you would,

And if there be a thought of such kind heate

In your cold befome, wood to god my breath
Might blow it to the flame of your kind hart.

Respect you what I am, and what he is,
What he is holeworld wood say, & what great Lords
I have resuled, and might as yet embrace,
And speake you like a friend, to wish me him?

Hip. Madam I cast all this, and know your choyse Can cast it quite out of the christall dores

Of your judiciall eyes: I am but young,

And be it said without all pride I take,

To be a maid, I am one, and indeed
Yet in my mothers wombe to all the wiles
Weend in the loomes of greatnes, and of state:
And yet even by that little I have learn'd
Out of continual conference with you,
I have cride haruest home of thus much judgment
In my greene sowing time, that I cood place
The constant sweetnes of good Clarence minde,
Fild with his inward wealth, and noblenes;
(Looke Madam here,) when others outward trash
Shood be contented to come under here.

Pene. And so say Lupon my maidenhead. Eng. Tis well said Ladies, thus we differ then, I to the truth-wife, you to worldly men: And now sweet dames observe an excellent jest ... (at least in my poore jetting.). Th'Erle my uncle Will misse me straite, and I know his close drift Is to make me; and his friend Clarence meete By some device or other he hath plotted and a said is Now when he feekes us round about his house And cannot find us; for we may be fure He will not seeke me in his sicke friends Chamber. (I have at all times made his love for strange,) | He straight will thinke; I went away displeased; he Or hartely careles of his hartiest fuite. West ven Ci. And then I know there is no griefe on Earth Will touch his hart so much, which I will suffer To quite his late good pleasure wrought on me, For ile be sworne in motion, and progresse Of his friends suite, I never in my life many Wrastled so much with passion or was moy'd. To take his firme love in such jealouse part.

Hip. This is most excellent Madam, and will prove

A neecelike, and a noble friends Revenge. O. Will

Eug. Bould in a good caule, then lets greet his friend, V vhere is this sickely gentleman at this booke. Now in good truth I wood theis bookes were burnd

That

That rapp men from their friends before their time,
How does my uncles friend, no other name
I need give him, to whom I give my selfe,

Cla. O Madam let me rise that I may kneele, And pay some duty; to your soveraigne grace.

Hip. Good Clarence doe not worke your selfe disease

My Lady comes to ease, and comfort you.

Pene. And we are handmaides to her to that end.

Cla. Ladies my hart will breake, if it be held Within the verge of this presumtuous chaire.

Eug. Why, Clarence is your judgement bent to show A common lovers passion? let the World, That lives without a hart, and is but showe, stand on her empty, and impoisoned ferme, I know thy kindenesse, and have seene thy hart, Cleft in my uncles free, and friendly lippes And I am only now to speake; and act; The rit'es due to thy love: oh I cood weepe. A bitter showre of teares for thy sicke state, I cood give passion all her blackest rites. And make a thousand vowes to thy deserts, But these are common, knowledge is the boud, The seale, and crowne of our united mindes. And that is rare, and constant, and for that, To my late written hand I give thee this, See heaven, the soule thou gau'st is in this hand. This is the Knot of our eternity, Which fortune, death, nor hell, shall ever loose. Enter Bullaker. Iacke. Will.

Id. VVhat an unmannerly tricke is this of thy Countesse, to give the noble count her uncle the slippe thus?

wil. Vnmannerlie, you villaynes? O that I were worthy to weare a Dagger to any purpole for thy fake?

Bul. VVhy young Gentlemen, utter your anger with your fifts.

Wil.

know, and utter nothing, and besides I doe not thinke my quarrell just for my Ladies protection in this cause, for I protest she does most abhominable miscarry her selfe.

In. Protest you sawsie lacke you, I shood doemy country, and Court-ship good service to beare thy coasts teeth out of thy head, for suffering such a reverend word to passe their guarde; why, the oldest Courtier in the World man, can doe noe more then protest.

Bul. Indeede Page if you were in France, you wood be broken upon a wheele for it, there is not the best Dukes sonne in France dares say I protest, till he be one, and thirty yeeres old at least, for the inheritance of that word is not to be possest be-

fore.

wil. VVell, I am forry for my presumtion then, but more sory for my Ladies, marry most sorry for thee good Lord Momford, that will make us most of all sory for our selves, if we doe not finde her out.

1a. Why alas what shood we doe? all the starres of our heaven see, we seeke her as fast as we can if she be crept into a rush we will seeke her out or burne

her-

Enter Momford.

Mom. Villaines where are your Ladies, seeke them
Dut; hence, home ye monsters, and still keepe you there
Where levity keepes, in her inconstant Spheare,
Away you pretious villaines; what a plague,
Of varried tortures is a womans hart?
How like a peacockes taile with different lightes,
They differ from themselves; the very ayre
Alter the aspen humors of their blouds.

Now

Now excellent good, now superexcellent bad. Some excellent good, some? but one of all: Wood any ignorant babie serue her friend, Such an uncivill part? Sblood what is learning? An artificiall cobwebbe to catch flies, And nourish Spiders 2000d she cut my throate. With her departure, I had bin her calfe, And made a dish at supper for my guests Of her kinde charge, I am beholding to her, Puffe, is there not a feather in this ayre A man my challenge for her? what? a feather? So easie to be seene; so apt to trace; In the weake flight of her unconstant wings? A mote manatthe most, that with the Sunne; Is onely seene, yet with his radiant eye, We cannot fingle so from other motes, To say this mote is she, passion of death, She wrongs me past a death, come, come my friend Is mine, the not her owne, and theres an end.

Eng. Come uncle shall we goe to supper now?

Mom. Zounes to supper? what a dorr is this?

Eng. Alas what ailes my uncle? Ladies see.

Hip. Is not your Lordship well?

Penel Good speake my Lord.

Mom. A (weete plague on you all, ye witty rogues have you no pitty in your villanous jests, but runne a man quite from his fifteene witts?

Hip. Will not your Lordship see your friend, and

Neece.

Mom. Wood I might linke if I shame not to see her Tush t was a passion of pure jealousie,

Goddesse of learning; and of constancy, which

Of friendship, and every other vertue? The most reference

Eug. Come come you have abu! de me now, I know,

And now your plaisfer me with flatteries.

Pone. My Lord the contract is knit fall betwixt them.

Mom. Now all heavens quire of Angels fing Amen, And blesse theis true borne nuptials with their blesse, And Neece the you have cofind me in this, He uncle you yet in an other thing, And quite deceive your expectation. For where you thinke you have contracted harts With a poore gentleman, he is sole heire To all my Earledome, which to you, and yours I freely, and for ever here bequeath; Call forth the Lords, sweet Ladies let them see This sodaine, and most welcome Novelty; But cry you mercy Neece, perhaps your modesty Will not have them partake this fodaine match. Eng. O uncle thinke you so, I hope I made My choyce with too much judgment to take shame

Of any forme I shall performe it with.

Mom. Said like my Neece, and worthy of my friend. Enter Furnifall; Tal. King. Goof. Kud. Foul. la.

Will, Bullaker.

Mom. My Lords, take witnes of an absolute wonder, A marriage made for vertue, onely vertue, My friend, and my deere Neece are man, and wife. Fur. A wonder of mine honour, and withall A worthy precedent for all the World; Heaven blesse you for it Lady, and your choyce.

Ambo Thankes my good Lord.

Ta. An Accident that will make policy blush, And all the Complements of wealth, and state, In the successfull, and unnumbred Race That shall flow from it, fild with fame, and grace. Ki. So may it speed deere Countesse, worthy Clarence.

Ambo Thankes good sir Cuthberd.

Fur. Captaine be not dismaide, Ile marry thee, For while we live, thou shalt my consort be.

Foul. By France my Lord, I am not griev'd a whit, Since Clarence hath her; he hath bin in France, And therefore merits her if she were better.

Mom.

Mom. Then Knights ile knit your happy nuptiall knots I know the Ladies minds better then you; Tho my rare Neece hath chose for vertue only, Yet some more wise then some, they chuse for both Vertue, and wealth.

Eug. Nay uncle then I plead

This goes with my choise, Some more wise then some,

For onely vertues choise is truest wisedome.

Mom. Take wealth, & vertue both amongst you then;

They love ye Knights extreamely, and Sir Cut.

I give the chast Hippolyta to you,

Sir Gyles this Lady.

Pen. Nay stay there my Lord.

I have not yet prov'd all his Knightly parts

I heare he is an excellent Poet too.

Tal. That I forgot sweet Lady; good fir Gyles

Have you no sonnet of your penne about ye?

Goof. Yes, that I have I hope my Lord my Cosen.

Fur. Why, this is passing fit.

Grof. I'de be loth to goe without paper about me against my Mistris, hold my worke againe, a man knows not what neede he shall have perhaps

Mom. Well remembred a mine honour fir Gyles.

Goof. Pray read my Lord, I made this sonner of my

Rud. Nay reade thy selfeman.

hand.

Mom. Well I will reade it. 1000

Three things there be which thou shouldst only crave

Thou Pomroy, or thou apple of mine eye;

Three things there be, which thou shouldst long to have And for which three, each modest dame wood crie; Three things there be that shood thine anger swage, An English mastife, and a fine French page.

Rud. Sblood Asse theres but two things, thou shamk

thy selfe.

Goof.

ou o jues ou je=emple

Goof. Why fir Cut. thats Poetica licentia, the verse wood have bin too long, and I had put in the third, Slight you are no Poet I perceive.

Pene. Tis excellent se rvant. Mom. Keepe it Lady then,

And take the onely Knight of mortall men.

Goof. Thanke you good my Lord as much as tho you had given me twenty shillings in truth, now I may take the married mens parts at football.

Mom. All comfortscrowne you all; and you Captaine

For merry forme sake let the willowe crowne;

A wreath of willow bring us hither straite.

Fur. Not for a world flood that have bin forgot Captaine it is the fashion, take this Crowne.

Foul. With all my hart my Lord, and thanke you too;

I will thanke any man that gives me crownes.

Mom. Now will we consecrate our ready supper To honourd Hymen as his nuptiall rite, In sorme whereof first dance, faire Lords, and Ladies, And aftering, so we will sing, and dance, And to the skies our vertuous joyes advance.

Now to the song, and doe this garland grace.

Canto.

Willowe, willowe, willowe.

our Captaine goes downe:
Willowe, willowe, willowe,
his vallor doth crowne.

The rest with Rosemary we grace;
O Hymen let thy light.

With richest rayes guild every face,
and feast harts with delight.

Willowe, willowe, willowe,
we chaunt to the skies;
And with blacke, and yellowe,
give court ship the prize.

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